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The document emphasizes the need to "balance" the public sector, which accounts for nearly half the TUC's affiliated membership, and the private sector to ensure that there is no discrimination against either. "We have still to reach a national consensus on the overall distribution of incomes, including income from top employment."

The joint statement adds that against that background should be seen strategic objectives about low incomes, including low pay, and the need for adequate rewards for skill, effort and responsibility as part of a move towards ensuring that contribution to society and the economy is the criterion for standards of living at the higher level rather than inherited wealth.

The statement rejects the institutions proposed by other political parties and interested groups, such as parliamentary select committees to look at pay or national boards to determine the pattern of wages.

But it adds: "We do, however, believe that there must be each year a thorough discussion with the trade union movement so that there is a broad understanding in this as in the other areas of our national economic life."

That that clause has survived the lengthy process of political and trade union argument over the future relationship between the Government and the unions over pay is nothing short of amazing. On the surface, TUC leaders have set their faces resolutely against such a proposal.

The paper takes joint decision-making into "a wider democracy", arguing: "The labour movement has a central role to play in bringing about a wider, more open democracy and in creating greater equality of opportunity". It adds:

The years ahead, with the growing benefits of offshore oil, will provide for the British people a decade of opportunities: to build a stronger economy, to strengthen our democracy, and to make further progress in removing social and economic injustices.

In a preamble, the paper says there has undoubtedly been a marked improvement in the climate of industrial relations since the present government took office. Days lost through industrial action have been reduced and there has been a "good response" by trade unionists to the jointly agreed programme for economic recovery. It continues:

Our task now is to defend the Employment Protection Act and related legislation, and there will be amending legislation to meet the problems which have been thrown up by certain legal interpretations. Implicit in our approach is a rejection of the notion that we must choose between a stronger economy and a fairer, more just society. The two can and must go hand in hand.

The paper recognizes that unemployment is worldwide, with 16 million jobless in OECD countries alone. It goes on:

That is why we have placed such great emphasis on the need for international cooperation. The Bonn declaration signed by the Prime Minister and the heads of the six other largest industrial nations offers the prospect of a sustained period of economic growth.

The unions and the Government see a need for a systematic change in present methods of inward and outward investment of capital. They want a tripartite foreign investment review agency to be established to ensure that multinational companies are brought into national economic planning, particularly into the orbit of planning agreements favoured by the unions and their friends in government. The document adds:

Planning agreements must play a key role in ensuring that problems such as investment and import substitution are tackled at the level of the individual firm. It is therefore essential to conclude, as speedily as possible, agreements with all the major companies, and where necessary the Government will bring greater

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Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy, drew the winner of the academy's first lottery yesterday by tipping the tickets over his head. The winning ticket, valued at £500, was caught behind his spectacles.

PO to peg charges after £367m profit

By Patricia Tisdall

The Post Office reported yesterday its second successive year of record profits. The total of £367.7m is up by £76.4m on the previous year, and according to Sir William Barlow, the chairman, all main businesses were operating profitably.

Prices are to be held down at least until the end of the year, and a further provision has been made to hold telephone charges to 5 per cent below inflation rates fer the next five years.

Sir William said: "This will mean that, despite the pressure of inflation, postal prices will not have risen for 18 months and telecommunications prices for over three years."

The parcel service, after many years of doubt about its future, was "fully reestablished as a service which the Post Office intends to be competitive and profitable". The telegram service is also to continue, contrary to an earlier decision, and will be improved.

Making his first report for the Post Office, Sir William, who took over as chairman last November, said: "We are proud to make a profit in all our businesses, and intend to go on doing so. In the past the Post Office has been criticized for being profitable.

"This is unreasonable, since it is in our customers' best interests that the Post Office should be commercially motivated and that we should make profits to pay for growth and improvement in our services and repay loans".

Biggest contributor to the overall profit was the telecommunications service, which recorded a surplus of £325.5m.

It was also a good year for the postal side with total correspondence up from 9,382.7 million to 9,484.5 million, in what is historically one of the most difficult sectors.

The postal profit of £40.4m (only the second consecutive profit in 10 years) was £16.1m up on the previous year. Parcels apart, all main postal services operated at a profit and the parcel service loss was reduced from £18m to £5.8m, the report says.

Giro, which introduced improved customer services, including deposit accounts, budget accounts and bridging loans, reported a 33 per cent rise in profits to £2.8m. Data Processing Services earned £1.1m.

The loss on postal orders was £300,000 and on money orders, which have been replaced by Giro services, it amounted to £1.8m.

Explaining how all surpluses are ploughed back to the benefit of customers, Sir William pointed out that the Post Office continued to have one of the largest investment programmes of any United Kingdom organization.

Investment totalled some £870m in the year ending last March, and in the current year the total would be close to £1,000m.

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Gold near record high as dollar falls sharply against all currencies

By Caroline Atkinson

The United States dollar plunged below 200 yen yesterday and the price of gold rose nearer its all-time high of December, 1974.

Gold closed just $2½ below this peak at $195.125 an ounce in London. The dollar fell sharply against all European currencies after a wave of selling in Tokyo had sent it below the psychological barrier of 200 yen.

Sterling put on nearly 3 cents against the United States currency early in the day, although it then came back to close at $1.9275, a rise of 1.65 cents on Friday's close.

The pound was leading the way up against the dollar, and gained ground against many currencies.

Its effective rate index measured against a basket of currencies rose by 0.3 from its pre-weekend level to close at 63.0 per cent of its end 1971 value.

Fears that the oil exporting countries might switch their pricing from dollars to a basket of currencies sent the United States rate down late on Friday.

It was reported that a working party of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) recommended this change.

Mr Anthony Solomon, United States Treasury Under Secretary, said yesterday that America had no reason to believe that Saudi Arabia or any other key Opec members are ready to shift from the dollar. The United States has put heavy pressure on the Saudi Arabians to resist such a move.

It is extremely unlikely that Opec would decide to change without considerable further discussion. And it is likely that the longer they delay the better the ultimate prospects for the dollar will seem.

Investors have been buying gold on metal markets throughout the world as a hedge.

Dealers in London were surprised by the metal's strength, but they now believe that the price may rise further to reach $200 an ounce.

The dollar's renewed weakness sparked off yesterday's surge in the gold price.

A scramble to sell dollars started the sharp fall in the rate in Tokyo yesterday morning. The Bank of Japan bought a large amount of dollars estimated to be in excess of $500m on the day—trying to hold the yen down.

The central bank bought about $350m just above the 200 yen mark. It then withdrew from the market and left the dollar to fall amid some of the most hectic trading ever seen on the Tokyo exchange.

After the close of business in Tokyo the rate moved still lower with the dollar touching a low in London of 197.5 yen. It eventually closed at 197.85 yen, compared with 200.9 on Friday.

The Bank of England was in the markets yesterday to curb sterling's rise by buying dollars for the reserves.

Dealers believed that the authorities were trying to hold the rate below $1.935 against the dollar. The pound has risen nearly 2½ per cent in the last two weeks. The Government is anxious that its strength should not harm British competitiveness.

On the other hand they welcome the effect on inflation which comes with a higher exchange rate. The market expects sterling to remain firm for the time being.

There is general City support for the Government's new 5 per cent guideline for pay rises. And the Government's apparent success in limiting the rise of the money supply has also cheered the market.

Unusually firm short-term money market rates in London are also making the pound buoyant.

The dollar has been weakening since the Bonn summit ended last Monday. Against a basket of currencies its effective depreciation since Smithsonian widened yesterday to −8.4 per cent from −8 per cent on Friday.

The market has gradually come to believe that little will result from the economic summit to boost the dollar.

Train passengers died behind locked doors

From Craig Seton
Taunton

Policemen who tried to rescue passengers from a blazing night train travelling from Penzance to London on July 6 found the doors locked, a public inquiry into the disaster was told at Taunton yesterday.

People could be heard banging and screaming inside as policemen used a sledgehammer to break windows until a sleeping carriage attendant could open the doors with a key. One policeman tried to use his truncheon but it bounced off the glass.

British Rail's regulations state that exit doors should not be locked and since the disaster it has reminded all staff not to lock doors.

Eleven people died in the disaster when the train halted half a mile from Taunton station. Nine of the dead were found in the first sleeping carriage, eight in their compartments and one in the corridor.

The inquiry heard that when firemen eventually gained entry they found burning bed linen piled on the floor of the vestibule by the exit doors at the front of the first coach. It lay next to the only heater in the carriage, which later investigations showed had been on.

The attendant's pantry next to the vestibule was described by one fireman as a ball of fire. Inside it a fire extinguisher lay on the floor, but no evidence was given about how it came to have been used and by whom.

Police Constable John Walker said that when he arrived the flames in the first carriage were too fierce for him to enter. He went to the second carriage but could not open the doors. He tried all the doors in the following three sleeping carriages, but to no avail.

"I asked the attendant for a key and he produced one", he said. "He returned with me and unlocked a door and we went

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Russia visit off

Officers at RAF Staff College, Bracknell, are to postpone a visit to Russia because of the Government's "outrage" at trials of dissidents, Dr David Owen, Foreign Secretary, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

Lisbon Cabinet crisis as ministers resign

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, July 24

The three Christian Democrat (CDS) ministers of Dr Mario Soares's predominently Socialist Government handed in their resignations today, thus precipitating the crisis which had been building up for the past three weeks.

The resignations of Senhor Vitor Sá Machado, the Foreign Minister, Senhor Basilio Horta, Trade and Tourism, and Senhor Rui Pena, Internal Administration, followed decisions taken at a weekend meeting of the CDS national council. These reiterated demands for a Cabinet reshuffle with the dismissal of Senhor Luis Saias, the Socialist Minister of Agriculture; better relations between the Government and President Eanes; and reconsideration of how to implement the original Socialist-CDS agreement.

With the resignations of the ministers comes the automatic withdrawal of five secretaries of state belonging to their ministries. The resignations do not, however, mean a denunciation of the agreement, it was pointed out. In fact, Senhor Rui Pena emphasized that they had been offered "in a constructive spirit".

The statement published after this weekend's CDS meeting emphasizes that the party still considers the alliance with the Socialists "to be of the greatest utility to the country and for democracy".

Forecasting a possible rupture of the Socialist-Christian Democrat alliance, Dr Sá Carneiro, the leader of the opposition Social Democratic Party, pressed for the formation of a government of national salvation. He excluded the Communists from participation. The Prime Minister also said in a broadcast that there would be no place for Communists in a new government.

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ard Du Cann, QC, his said: "He was by the public not as it but as a villain who en the system and ast one on the police. regarded as a hero because he was a guilty man who got away with it.

"It mattered not how much he protested, there would be a ned, a wink, a slap on the back and a drink in the hand. The public, who in fact knew nothing, thought they knew better than the man himself."

Women in the public gallery shouted abuse and struggled with the police as each of the six robbers was jailed.

Michael Ishmael, aged 37, of Tidey Street, Bow; James Robert Briggs, aged 44, of Laburnum Road, Bethnal Green; and Stephen Patrick Smeeth, aged 24, of Buckston Court, City Road, Islington, an London, were each jailed for 16 years; George Davis, of Belton Way, Bow, received 15 years; Frederick Davis, aged 47 (no relation of George Davis) of Churchill Walk, Homerton; and Derek William Felstead, aged 32, of Lorimore Road, Walthamstow, all London, each received 12 years.

Frederick Davis's sentence is consecutive to a six-year sentence he is already serving.

Mr Brian Leary, QC, for the prosecution, did not proceed with four other charges relating to firearms, which were left on the file.

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Briton jailed for German escape plan

From Greevl Spitzer
Berlin, July 24

Mr Colin Semple of Bournemouth was jailed for two years and three months today by an East German court for trying to smuggle an East German to the West.

The car he and a West German used in the attempt were confiscated. Mr Semple was also banned for an indefinite period from using transit routes to and from Berlin.

Mr John B. Moorby, the British Consul, was present in the Magdeburg court when judgment and sentence were read. He was, however, sent out after the opening of the trial last Friday. The defence lawyer failed to get permission for the consul to stay in court even though he referred to the consular agreement between Britain and East Germany, and to specific provisions of the East German code of criminal procedure permitting this.

Today's proceedings lasted about half an hour. It is not known in which prison Mr Semple, who is 25, will have to serve his term. It is assumed that the time spent in detention—Mr Semple was arrested on May 12—would be considered.

National papers to consider suspending publication if labour troubles continue

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

National newspaper managements are to tell the National Union of Journalists today that they will consider suspending publication unless there is an immediate assurance of an end to unofficial labour troubles.

Fleet Street's most recent industrial relations difficulties are affecting *The Sun*, which did not appear yesterday because of action by the 230 journalists over a pay claim of 10 per cent on basic rates, a £1,300 increase and a productivity agreement. The newspaper appears determined to resist the claims.

The council of the Newspaper Publishers Association met urgently yesterday and will meet the NUJ this morning. The NPA said the meeting had considered the deteriorating situation after rejection by the NUJ of national wage negotiations, and at chapel (union office branch) level, of a settlement based on the Government's Phase Three guidelines. There had been disruptive action in several offices last week.

"The NPA has already indicated in clear terms that union rejection of a national settlement based on government guidelines will in no way elicit a different response as and when house discussions take place", it said, deploring the failure of *The Sun* NUJ chapel to observe joint dispute procedure.

If the situation worsens to the point of newspapers being suspended, it would not affect *The Guardian*, which settled with its journalists in April, or the *Daily Mirror*, which is not party to the labour relations side of the NPA. *The Sun* has given notice of leaving the NPA.

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chem Begin, the Israeli Prime has won a two-to-one endorse- he Knesset of his handling of ast negotiations. Mr Moshe e Foreign Minister, appeared that Israel was more flexible question of West Bank y than had been thought. It prepared to discuss it after of self-rule, he said Page 6

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tern plan for South-West Namibia) seemed in danger e last-minute reservations of h African Government over y. It has informed the West- rs that it will end discussions rritory's independence if the tions Security Council accepts l for the integration of Walvis ch is legally part of South an independent Namibia Page 7

Salisbury gun battles for first time in war

Black nationalist guerrillas and Rhodesian police have fought gun battles in black townships around Salisbury for the first time in the six-year guerrilla war. The battles took place on Friday and Saturday but military censors suppressed the details until yesterday Page 7

Bhutto White Paper

Alleged manipulation of public funds by Mr Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, in order to win the country's general election in March, 1977, is the subject of a 405-page White Paper, with 1,044 supporting annexures, published by Pakistan's martial law Government. It is said to be based on the evidence of 900 witnesses Page 7

Lambeth starts work

Lambeth Conference began its first working day with an address by Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward, the economist) on international social justice. There is a tension at the conference between the bishops of the more prosperous world and those from countries of the so-called third world, who seek witness to social justice Page 3

Boycott replies with a century

Geoffrey Boycott hit back at the selectors who have omitted him from the England party for the first Test match against New Zealand, starting at the Oval on Thursday, when he scored an unbeaten century for Yorkshire against the touring side at Leeds Page 11

Fewer communists

Membership of the Communist Party has dropped to its lowest level for more than 25 years, Mr George Matthews, head of press and publicity and a member of the party's political committee, has told *The Times* Page 5

Ship shoppers taxed

Five hundred shoppers who made duty-free purchases on board a British "floating supermarket" were first refused permission to land in Dunkirk, and then taxed by custom officials on return to Ostend Page 2

Paintings are found after 40 years

Two paintings by an important seventeenth-century Italian artist that had been lost for 40 years have been discovered at a house in Hampstead. The landscapes by Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, Il Guercino, were identified by an Italian art critic who was a dinner guest, and confirmed through photographs taken in 1935 Page 2

Resistance in Bolivia

Speaking to a journalist in the back of a moving car, Dr Hernan Siles Zuazo, leader of the Opposition in Bolivia, said his party would lead a non-violent campaign against General Juan Pereda Asbún, who seized power on Friday Page 6

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HOME NEWS

Mrs Thatcher prepares for clash with Prime Minister on pay policy

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Prime Minister and Mrs Margaret Thatcher will have a debate today on the economy and pay policy, with the Leader of the Opposition for the first time in her career speaking immediately after Mr Callaghan.

The word in Conservative quarters last night was that she intends to seize this crucial opportunity to try to destroy both the Prime Minister's arguments and his credibility with the electorate. But Labour backbenchers can be counted on to give her a rough time.

With the Liberals in support, the Government is unlikely to be defeated in the vote on pay policy, so interest will centre on the party leaders clash.

It is a rare sight if only because the Prime Minister seldom makes an important spech in the Commons. The last opportunity was when he wound up the confidence issue on June 14, but Mrs Thatcher let it pass, partly, apparently, because she wanted a chance to have the last word. Today she gets that, at least in the debate opening.

The two leaders will speak in the afternoon, immediately after question time. Mr Callaghan will open for the Government. The Government's motion, welcoming its latest pay White Paper, *Winning the Battle against Inflation*, and calling for a "further sustained national effort" to keep inflation under control, will be subject to a condemnatory amendment to be moved by Mrs Thatcher. It would read:

- This House Condemns the economic policies of her Majesty's Government which during the last four years have resulted in record unemployment and stagnant living standards for the British people; deplores the continued use of blacklisting to enforce pay limits; and calls for the implementation of policies for economic recovery based on realistic and responsible collective bargaining, cuts in personal taxation, and real rewards for hard work, skill and enterprise.

Winding up for the Opposition will be Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, spokesman on Treasury affairs, and Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will wind up for the Government. Mr John Pardoe will speak for the Liberals.

The broad lines of the opposing positions are clear enough from what the Opposition is condemning in its amendment. The Government can be counted on to champion its insistence that living standards are rising again, a fact implicitly recognized in Mrs Thatcher's amendment.

Whereas the Opposition always complained that people were worse off now than four years ago, their motion now speaks of "stagnant" living standards, which implies that they are at least back to where they were when the Heath Government left office.

The Opposition can be counted on to deplore the "lost four years" of Labour government, which have seen the country placed at the bottom of some economic league table and relegated to lower divisions in others, and to try summoning the vision of the Tory future.

Against the Prime Minister's expected charge that Tories would take the country's pay policy back to a free-for-all, Mrs Thatcher will be emphasizing what she calls "output" policy.

The Prime Minister also decided yesterday after a year's study, that he wanted less form-filling for business and industry. His office issued a five-page press notice detailing his instructions to ministers to review the plathora of administrative and statistical fovernment forms.

Poll verdict: A poll conducted for Independent Television News by the Opinion Research Centre, published last night, showed that 70 per cent of those questioned thought that most workers would not settle for the new pay guideline of 5 per cent (our Political Correspondent writes).

Of the 660 adults questioned in 22 constituencies, a bare majority, 51 per cent, thought the 5 per cent guideline was about right, but 54 per cent considered it too low for themselves and their families.

People were asked whether they would prefer a cut in income tax or an increase in pay of the same amount. In reply, 70 per cent chose tax cuts, and only 15 per cent pay increases. The remaining 15 per cent thought it would make no difference.

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Lost Italian paintings discovered in Hampstead

By Geraldine Norman

Two important paintings by Giovanni Francesco Barvieri, il Guercino, the seventeenth-century Italian artist, which were missing for 40 years have been found in Hapmstead. They are landscapes from a series painted between 1615 and 1617 for the Casa Pannini in Cento, Guercino's birthplace.

Guercino had his assistants painted the 10 landscapes in fresco; they were detached from the walls and transferred to panels in 1840. Six of them passed into the collection of the Marchese Pio Roselli di Turco and are in the municipal museum in Cento.

The other four went to Francesco Filipetti, in Ferrara. They were photographed in the Palazzo Filipetti in 1935 by Denos Mahon, the English art historian and expert on seventeenth-century painting.

The Italian owner of the aaintings, now living in Hampstead, inherited the paintings three years ago from her great aunt. She had assumed that they were attractive school paintings of no special note until a friend, Signor Flavio Caroli, an Italian art critic and a professor at Bologna Uniperity, came to dinner three days ago.

He suggested that they looked like genuine works by Guercino and that she should get in touch with Mr Mahon. Mr Mahon recognized them instantly from a description over the telephone, the fact that they had originally been frescoes and belonged to the Filipetti family was enough to identify them. He arrived later with photographs of the paintings he had taken in 1935.

One of the paintings, a landscape with a mill, he believes to have been largely painted by Guercino himself; the second seems to have been mostly left to his assistants.

The owner's cousin in New York inherited the other two paintings from the series and sold the m at Christie's New York in June; one brought $9,000 (£4,500) and the other $7,000 (£3,600).

The owner of the two Hampstead paintings, who prefers to remain anonymous, moved to london four years ago. The apaintings were among various heirlooms she brought from Florence. Although Italy enforces very strict export laws, these paintings appear never to have been listed as of national interest. They were thought to be minor school pictures when she brought them out of Italy and valued at about £200.

The owner has no intention of selling the paintings

Test pitch was damaged in the campaign to secure his freedom

East End will long remember George Davis

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

It will be many years before the name of George Davis, who was sentenced yesterday to 15 years in jail, is forgotten in the East End of London. In Aldgate, Whitechapel and Bethnal Green the slogan "George Davis is innocent" is still proclaimed in white paint on roofs, walls and bridges.

The slogans began to appear more than three years ago when Mr Davis, a minicab driver, was convicted of taking part in an armed robbery on an electricity board's offices. The slogans and the campaign that accompanied them put his case into the public arena.

Supporters, led by his wife and close friends in the East End, mounted an aadacious offensive in the best traditions of cockney irreverence. They climbed to the roof of St Paul's Cathedral with their banners and halted a Test match at Heeadingley, Leeds, by digging up the turf.

Mr Davis's lawyers argued that their client had been convicted on nothing but the identification evidence of a number of policemen and a disputed statement. Two of the three men charged with him were acquitted and the third discharged after two "hung juries".

By the end of 1975, as Mr Davis was serving his 20-year sentence in Albany prison, on the Isle of Wight, his case rapidly became the latest in a line of causes célèbres challenging the validity of identification evidence.

A year earlier Mr Laszlo Varig had been freed after being wrongly convicted on identification evidence. So, too, had Mr Luke Dougherty. Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, had pointed to the langers if identification evidence which might be seen as "the most serious chink in our armour when we say that British justice is the best in the world".

Late in 1975 Mr Davis's case was considered by the Court of Appeal. He was refused leave to appeal, although sentences originally set to run consecutively wr ceommuted to run concurrently.

By then the Metropolitan Police had ordered an inquiry into complaints made against the officers by Mr Davis and in May, 1976, Mr Roy Jenkins, then Home Secretary, announced to the Commons that Mr Davis was to be freed immediately.

An interim report on the inquiry suggested that the police officers who identified Mr Davis might have been mistaken. Mr Jenkins said the shift in the balances of evidence in the case was such that it would not be right for Mr Davis to remain in prison. However, there was no evidence that he was innocent, which would justify a free pardon.

A smiling Mr Davis came home to the East End from the Isle of Wight but history did not end there. In July last year he was arrested and cahrged with a robbery in 1973.

He was given bail and in September was arrested outside the Bank of Cyprus in north London as the police ambushed a bank raider.

Even then Mr Davis was still surrounded by controversy. The *Daily Express* published a photograph of the trap being set and were attacked for prejudicing the chances of a fair trial. There were questions as to how and where the newspaper had got its photograph.

Later, a detective sergeant from a regional crime squad was suspended and then resigned.

In February last Mr Davis was acquitted of a 1973 robbery charge in a case that included evidence by Mr Charles Lowe, a well known informer. Yesterday Mr Davis stood again in a court dock but this time pleaded guilty.

Jury cle two men of race-h charge

Two men who d words likely to stir against a racial cleared at Warwick Court yesterday.

But George Jon of Southborough T mington, was found majority verdict of likely to cause a b peace. He was s six months' in suspended for Michael Cole, a Millers Road, W acquitted on the s

Mr David Tudo the prosecution, s made insulting r black people wher to shoppers in Wa place.

When the polic Mr Cole set fire of papers which h copy of the Race R Mr Cole had said brought diseases and that they wer hospital beds. A who heard the rem atmosphere was

Mr Alan Rawley defence, said: stirred up more th was sympathy for people, who were have this hatred against them."

The jury was t leaflets that had tributed by a left After the trial, he intended to con speeches.

Belgium taxes the ship shoppers

Ostend, July 24.—French and Belgian officials combined today effectively to torpedo the maiden voyage of the British "shop ship" Aquamart. Five hundred Belgian shoppers, who had embarked at Ostend eager to buy tax-free British goods on board were not allowed to land at Dunkirk.

They had been due to return to Belgium by bus after a three-hour voyage along the coast on board the former ferry, which has been converted into floating supermarket.

The passengers, who were joined tonight by hopeful French shopers in Dunkirk, sailed back towards Ostend, where Belgian customs officers were waiting to scrutinize their shopping bags.

When the vessel returned to Ostend, Belgium customs officers imposed special taxes on everything that had been bought aboard. Shoppers were charged 50p on 20 cigarettes, £3 on a litre of whisky, 25 per cent on electrical goods and 16 per cent on clothing.

It was not clear why the Belgian passengers had been barred from going ashore at Dunkirk, but both the French and Belgian finance ministries said last week that goods bought on board would attract full tax

The idea of the Channel Cruise Line of Guernsey had been to take advantage of continental buyers' appetite for low-priced British goods.

The round-trip ticket, which cost about £5, was to allow continental tourists to benefit from the advantages of tax-free purchases on international voyages without having to make a time-consuming Channel crossing to Britain.

In Ostend, the harbour authorities and town council said it would bring extra jobs as well as cash in port and passenger fees. But shopkeepers accused the promoters of trade piracy, complaining of unfair competition.

The European Economic Community Commission today joined the controversy over the 4,000-ton former ferry by saying that goods bought on board the Aquamart should conform to existing rules. The EEC rule is to grant a franchise of 125 units of account (about £80) for purchases by tourists inside the European Community.

The idea was to free tourists from unnecessary scrutiny by customs, even if the goods they bought were cehaper than in their own countries. But there was an understanding that purchase tax, or value-added tax, must have been paid

In this case, it appeared that the goods had remained untaxed or that tax had been refunded because the goods were exported.—Reuter.

Workers to march on ministry

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

A dockyard pay dispute that has trapped two of Britain's nuclear submariners in Rosyth naval dockyard on the Forth and at Faslane is to be supported by a mass march to the Scottish Office early next month by defence establishment industrial workers.

Industrial civil servants at Faslane, the Clyde submarine base, were reported yesterday to be threatening to intensify the dispute over a 10 per cent pay increase if the Navy attempts to remove HMS Revenge from the base.

The six thousand workers at Rosyth have blacked any movement of HMS Repulse, which recently completed a 12-month refit there. The submarine was commissioned two weeks ago but has not yet moved.

Work on HMS Renown, which has just begun an 18-month refit, has been stopped by a separate internal dispute involving coppersmiths. The only British nuclear submarine at sea on patrol is HMS Resolution.

The Rosyth workers are asking MPs in the area for support and are canvassing the public to sign a petition to be presented to Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland.

A national meeting of delegates from the eight unions involved in the naval dockyards, ordnance factories and defence establishments that are affected by the pay dispute will be held in York on Thursday to agree on action in support of the claim.

Men at Rosyth and Faslane have made clear that they will allow the two commissioned submarines to go to sea only if there is a nuclear emergency. Their action is believed to have denied the submarine crews mail, bread and fresh fruit.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Conservative backbenchers intend to question Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, in the Commons today about the situation at Rosyth and Faslane.

Mr Robert Banks, Conservative MP for Harrogate, sought unsuccessfully yesterday to force an emergency debate on the issue.

Disability grant plan under criti

By Pat Healy

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No board seats—no pay deal, hint by unions

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pressure on the companies to ensure negotiations are successful. Additional statutory powers to support these negotiations will be taken.

Apart from those confident predictions of legislation from a new Labour government after the general election, the TUC welcomes the promise of legislation in the coming session of Parliament on industrial democracy in the private sector.

The unions do not believe that the White Paper goes far enough to meet their demands for participation in the running of private companies, and the TUC wants a statutory right for unions to discuss company plans and to determine policy to be made effective within the life of the next Parliament.

In restating the unions' demand for eventual parity on company boards, the paper says:

We note the White Paper's statement that the Government does not exclude parity as an intimate outcome. We wish to restate that this is certainly still our objective. The policy board must be seen as the key body in the enterprise, and part of its remit will be the negotiation of planning agreements with the Government.

The firmness of the trade unions' view about industrial democracy will be taken as a strong pointer to their insistance that their agreement to wage restraint for a further year is available only in return for a Labour election manifesto committed to bringing trade unionists more closely into the power struggle in industry.

Inter-City trains disrupted by signal dispute

Inter-City services in British Rail's Midland region were disrupted by unofficial action by signalmen at Wagrington, Cheshire, yesterday.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, last condemned the action, which led to the cancellation of five Glasgow-to-Euston trains and the cancellation or curtailment of 15 others.

The action by the signalmen, who want upgrading, consists mainly of not filling in for absent colleagues. Mr Weighell said: "We have asked the men to call off their action so that their case may be looked at coolly and rationally, but they have not so far agreed. I hope that the executive can discuss it this week, possibly on Thursday."

He rejected a call for his resignation from a local departmental committee of the NUR parcels section at Waterloo and Clapham Junction, London, which objected to his executive's plea for reduced overtime.

He said that the union's policy was for a reduction in excessive overtime, in view of unemployment

Concrete-mixing plant a threat to peaceful valley

By John Young

Through water meadows, woodland glades and wheatfields flecked with scarlet poppies, the river Glaven threads its way across a dozen miles of remote north Norfolk. It is a filament in a landscape described by many as the most unspoilt in the whole of southern and eastern England.

But alongside the river runs a ridge of high-grade gravel, and the tranquillity of the valley is threatened by a new concrete-mixing plant. Local people fear that their view will be ruined, the river pollured, and their crops choked with dust and the narrow lanes with traffic.

Parochial though the dispute might appear, it exemplifies the difficulty of balancing the protection of areas of outstanding natural beauty against what is claimed to be the national economic interest.

Mr Martin Shaw, the county planning officer, who has to prepare a report for a council meeting on September 8, admits that the issue is extremely difficult. The north Norfolk coastline is regarded by the EEC as internationally important.

"From an environmental point of view, I can say categorically that one would be loath to see any such development in this part of the county", he says. "Were this the first application to mine gravel in the area, there is no way that it would be granted."

But, although the concrete plant would be a new intrusion, there are other gravel pits in the district, and supporters of the scheme use that to boost their economic argument. They point out that East Anglia has the fastest growing population of any region in Britain, that unemployment is high, and that the remoter areas are too dependent on farming and tourism.

Opponents declare that many other industrial sites are available which would not cause scenic disruption.

Although the company, Atlas Aggregates, a subsidiary of the Ready-Mixed Concrete group, has given assurances that the workings will be screened and that the land will be progressively restored, objectors argue that it will become increasingly difficult to resist further applications.

Man loses fight over deportation

Ottawa, July 24.—Patrick McCarthy, aged 24, lost a prolonged legal battle against deportation from Canada to the Irish Republic today. His lawyer said that he would be put on a flight to Dublin.

Mr McCarthy was arrested last March for jay-walking, but the Canadian authorities decided to deport him because they said he resembled a man wanted in Ireland in connexion with a bank robbery in 1977. He denies that allegation.—Reuter.

In brief

£1,050 fines over methanol

Unalco, of Greenwich, a petroleum subsidiary of Tate and Lyle, was fined £700, and Owen Dives, a transport company, of Rotherhithe, London, was fined £350 by Felixstowe magistrates yesterday after admitting 13 offences relating to the carriage of drums of methanol.

The court was told that firemen spent two hours isolating eight leaking drums of methanol on two lorries. The drums had not been labelled as inflammable, and the drivers were ignorant of safety regulations and were not carrying fire extinguishers.

Hughie Green appeal

Hughie Green, the television presenter, was given leave at Surbiton Crown Court, London, yesterday to appeal against his conviction last week on a drink and driving charge. The driving ban imposed on him was lifted until the hearing.

Janie Jones payment

Janie Jones, the singer, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on vice charges, has now paid off the £16,000 legal costs ordered against her at the end of her trial

Burnley order on dogs

After the High Court decision upholding its by-law ban on dogs in parks, Burnley council, Lancashire, has listed 1,475 local streets where dog owners will have to keep their pets on a lead.

GCE scripts lost

GCE English literature examination scripts sent from Ounsdale Comprehensive School, at Wombourn, near Wolverhampton, have failed to reach the marking centre in Cambridge, it was announced yesterday.

Policemen suspended

Two Dorset policemen have been suspended and the case, concerning a man arrested for being drunk and disorderly, has been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Survivor speaks of deathly silence on blazing train

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into the train and I followed him as he unlocked the doors."

Police Sergeant Peter Dewar said: "I could hear banging and screaming coming from the first coach. A rear door on the first carriage was locked and would not open. I went to the second carriage and used a sledge-hammer to break the glass. I looked into the compartment and there was an elderly woman, still alive, inside, and we pulled her out through the window. I was told there were still people in the second coach."

Police Constable Gary Ryan said: "I heard a banging and a male voice shouting 'Let me out, let me out'. I tried a handle of a door in the first coach but it would not open. I climbed into the first coach through a window but the heat was intense. It was like an oven. I heard a muffled shouting but I had to get out."

He had tried other doors in the second carriage but they could not be opened. Major Anthony King, an inspecting officer of railways, who is conducting the inquiry, asked him if it was possible that the doors did not open because they were warped. PC Ryan replied: "If they had been warped in the heat the handle would have been too hot to touch."

Station Officer John Couchman, of Somerset Fire Brigade, said the alarm call was received at 2.48 am. The train had halted by Fairwater bridge and flames were coming from the front of the first sleeping carriage.

He tried to open a door at the front but failed. Later he found the door had been opened but he did not know by whom. Firemen found a pile of burning linen immediately inside.

He had also gone to the other side of the carriage to try the doors but they would not open.

Station Officer Brian Hockey, of Wellington fire service, said he discovered one body in the corridor and three in one of the double compartments. In the next one a man's body was seated in the corner; two male bodies were in the following compartment, and a man and a woman, both dead, in the next.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Graham McMillan, RN, of Plymouth, said he awoke to find smoke in the compartment. He was aware of a loud crackling in the ceiling space, like straw burning. When he opened the door the smoke was very thick. He shouted for people to get on to the floor but there was a "deathly silence".

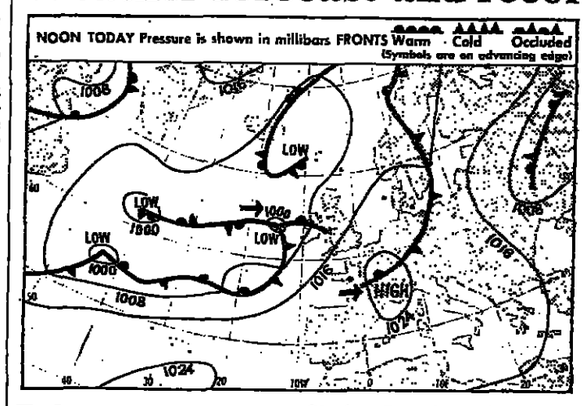
As he crawled along the carriage another passenger grabbed his ankles, and they made their way together towards the end, where he attempted to open a window but failed because he could not breathe. The next thing he remembered was lying outside near a man who appeared to be dead.

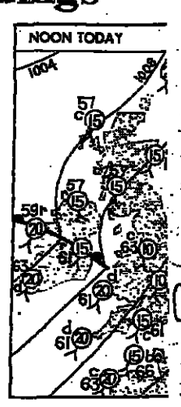
Mr Douglas Power, chief mechanical and electrical engineer, British Rail Western Region, said the leading sleeping car was built in 1960 and received weekly and monthly examinations and an overhaul every 15 months. The down trip from London to the West Country was its first after its monthly examination on June 4.

The original steam heating system had been replaced in 1976 by electricity.

The inquiry continues today when evidence is expected to be given by two attendants on the train.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fair; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; thunderstorm; p—periodical rain with sno

Today

Sun rises: 5.13 am Sun sets: 9 pm
Moon sets: 12.15 pm Moon rises: 11.36 pm
Last quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 9.30 pm to 4.45 am.
High Water: London Bridge, 6.22 am, 7.3m (24ft); 6.34 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Avonmouth, 11.55 am, 12.6m (41.2ft. Dover, 3.35 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 3.53 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 10.35 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 11.14 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool, 3.39 am, 9.4m (30.7ft); 4.9 pm, 8.8m (28.7ft).

Troughs of low pressure associated with a low W of Ireland will move NE across W and N areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mostly dry, bright or sunny intervals. Wind S, light or moderate; max temp 22°C (72°F).

Central S, E, central N, NE England, Midlands: Mostly dry with bright spells, becoming more cloudy wit ha little rain or drizzle later; wind S, moderate, max temp 20° or 21°C (68° to 70°F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, hill fog patches, a little rain or drizzle becoming heavier later; wind S, fresh; max temp 17° to 18°C (63° to 64°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Becoming rather cloudy, some rain, heavy in places later; wind S, fresh; max temp 16° or 17°C (61° to 63°F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy, hill fog, rain, heavy at times; wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Bright at first and mostly dry, becoming more cloudy with rain spreading from SW; wind S, moderate increasing fresh or strong; max temp 18°C (64°F).

NW Scotland: Mostly cloudy, showers at first, more general rain later, some bright intervals; wind S, moderate backing SE fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing changeable with rain or showers in most places but also sunny intervals, more especially in the SE where amount of rain will be small. Temp near or rather below normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW moderate, sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind moderate becoming fresh at times; sea slight becoming moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind SW fresh or strong, sea moderate becoming rough.

Irish Sea: Wind S strong; sea rough.

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Margate	3.5	—	20
Herne Bay	3.3	—	20
S COAST			
Hastings	9.0	.09	19
Eastbourne	8.9	.12	18
Brighton	7.9	.04	18
Bognor R	7.4	.06	19
Southsea	4.4	.05	21
Sandown	7.6	.07	18
Bournemth	9.5	.10	20
Exmouth	4.4	—	20
Torquay	4.6	.04	20
Falmouth	6.8	.01	17
W COAST			
Morecambe	4.8	.02	17
Blackpool	8.0	.02	18
Ilfracombe	7.5	—	18
Newquay	10.9	—	18

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Mother complains about sterilization against will

From Our Correspondent
Birmingham

A mother of 13 children maintained in the High Court, sitting in Birmingham, yesterday, that a maternity hospital sterliized her without her consent. She said that since the operation she had left her husband and her family.

Mrs Maisie Jones, aged 40, of Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, is claiming damages from Salop Area Health Authority for personal injury as a result of the sterilization.

Mr Michael Shorrock, for Mrs Jones, said that a Caesarean section and sterilization was carried out on her at Copthorne Maternity Hospital, Shrewsbury, in 1973, when she was giving birth to her thirteenth child.

He allegzd it was done against her will, although she signed a consent form, on the ground that it was not made by "free consent" bearing in mind her state at the time. Counsel said medical staff had put pressure on her over the years by suggesting thar she should be sterilized but she had always refused.

Medical notes indicated that she was a Roman Catholic, but she was not. He added: "She used to tell them that because it was one way of fobbing them off".

Mr Shorrock read a letter from her gynaecologist, a Mr Barnett, written two years before the sterilization. It said: "Mrs Jones has had 11 children, is diabetic and overweight. Although her great aim in life is to become pregn again, my great aim is that she does not do any such thing, since I have to look after her during pregnancy. Her diabetes could get worse with each pregnancy and she becomes more difficult to deal with when pregnant."

Mr Shorrock said the consent form was explained to Mrs Jones within a few minutes, and 45 minutes later she was operated on.

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC, for the health authority, suggested that Mr Barnett wanted her to be sterilized because of the risk to her health and her difficulties in looking after a large family. She denied it.

The hearing continues today.

Shopkeepers' evidence for mother on vice charges

Victoria Hughes, aged 39, of Delft Walk Salford, Greater Manchester, denied that she had sold her children into vice. "I love my kids very, very much", she sai. "I know I am innocent."

The defence has alleged that she was not in the house when alleged offences were committed against her daughter, aged 10.

Three shopkeepers told the court yesterday that the defendant was in their shops at lunchtime on October 6, when the police allege she was at home.

Mr Michael West, QC, for the efence, said he did not propose to call the defenant to give evidence from the witness box; she wished to make a statement

She denies encouraging an indecent assault on a girl under 16, inecent assault on a girl under 13, and inciting a girl of 1 0to commit an act of gross indecency with Richar Bigham, the Master of Nairne and eldest son of the thir Lord Mersey.

The jury has been told by Mr Justice Forbes that it would not be asked to consider the charge of inciting the girl to commit an act of gross indecency. "There is no evidence here to support the prosecution case on that count", he said.

Speelman holds chess lead

Jonathan Speelman retained the lead in the Robert Silk chess tournament in London with a draw in yesterday's eighth round (a Chess Correspondent writes). George Botterill, who also drew, retains second place and needs only one point from two games for his second international master norm.

He will play his postponed game against P. Littlewood today.

Round eight: R. Wade ½; F. Silva ½; R. J. Plaskett 0; D. Goodman 1; J. Hodgson 1; J. Durao 0; J. Speelman ½; C. Botterill ½; P. Littlewood v Y. Kraidman adjourned.

Positions after round eight: J. Speelman 6½; C. Botterill 6 and 1 postponed; Y. Kraidman ½ and 1 adjourned; R. Wade 4½; F. Silva 3; D. Goodman and J. Hodgson 3½; J. J. Plaskett 3; P. Littlewood 2 plus 1 adjourned and 1 postponed; J. Durao

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Amsterdam	f 21	70	Copenhagen	f 20	68	Locarno	s 30	86	Nice	s 27	81
Athens	f 27	81	Dublin	f 17	63	London	f 21	70	Oslo	f 19	66
Barcelona	s 25	77	Edinburgh	f 17	63	Luxembourg	f 22	72	Paris	f 25	77
Belfast	f 15	59	Florence	s 28	82	Madrid	s 29	84	Rome	s 27	81
Berlin	f 24	75	Funchal	s 27	81	Majorca	s 29	84	Salzburg	f 25	77
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Biarritz	s 22	72	Gibraltar	s 26	79	Malta	s 28	82	Tel Aviv	f 29	84
Birmingham	f 18	64	Guernsey	f 16	61	Manchester	c 19	66	Toronto	s 23	73
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Brussels	f 24	75	Innsbruck	s 24	75	Montreal	s 23	73	Vienna	s 22	72
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ford Longley
Affairs Correspondent
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st working day of the Conference began at University at Canterday with a sharp of one of the most challenges facing the Communion.

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ension will probably dy slowly as the con- proceeds, and the no doubt depend to tem on the attitude stantial contingent of om the United States. dian bishops might a mediating role in he conflicting forces

ackson told the 450 bishops: "We are facing the demand of 80 per cent of humanity that the political emancipation of history, which is not yet complete, should be accompanied by social and economic emancipation."

There was foot-dragging whenever international leaders met to talk about the fairer distribution of world wealth, she said, but she thought the general mood was more hopeful. The complacency of the 1950s and 1960s had vanished, and the 1970s were a time of ferment.

The conference is the first in the history of the Anglican Communion to be residential, and the close proximity of the bishops on campus is likely to provide a cementing influence between different parts of the church, based on new personal friendships.

About two thirds of the bishops have not attended a Lambeth Conference before—they are held every 10 years—and for many this is their first visit to England. Apart from a shared tradition of liturgy and theology, the conference is the main focus of unity in the Anglican Communion without which it would have little meaning.

The conference has many facets, not excluding the lighter side. During the first week it is dominated by the personality of Metropolitan Anthony Bloom, the Russian Orthodox leader in Britain, who is delivering the daily spiritual lecture and conducting a spiritual retreat for the bishops on Wednesday at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, the conference president.

The work of the conference will be done mainly in private sessions, or sections of the conference, and each section will present its findings to the whole conference in plenary session later.

Whitehall brief: Glasgow's fiscals bear little resemblance to 'Sutherland's Law'

The worst housed senior civil servants in the land

By Peter Hennessy

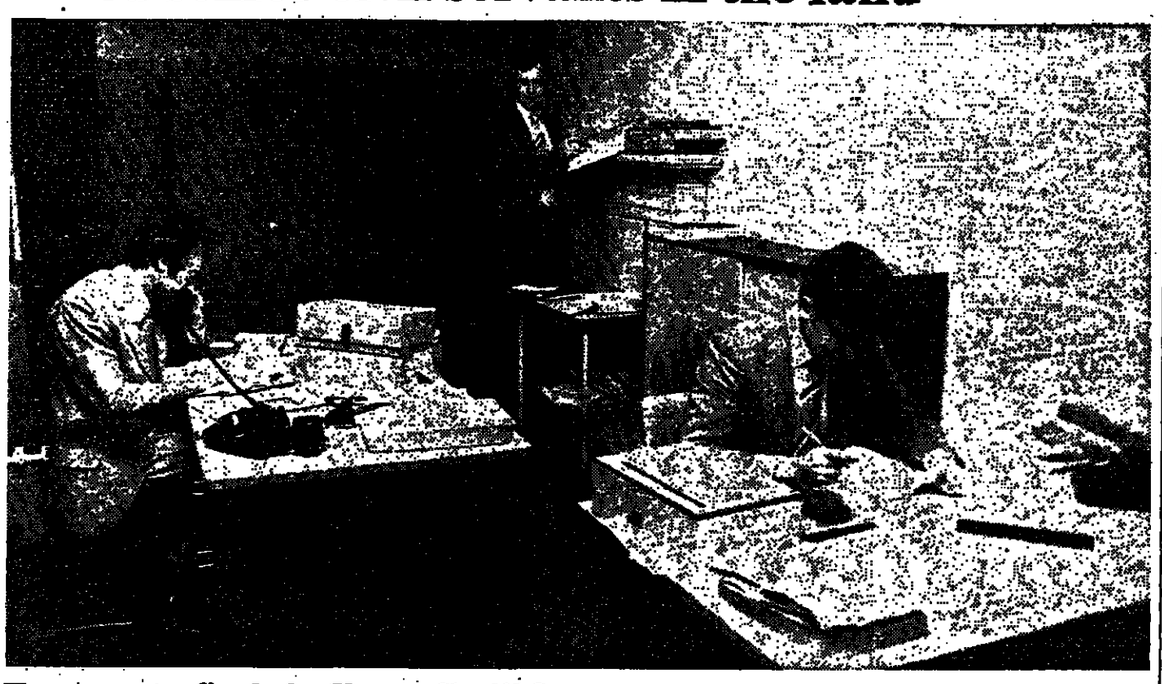
Television has made heroes of Scotland's state prosecutors, the procurators fiscal. The BBC's *Sutherland's Law* has what one real fiscal calls "a pantomime Scotsman" leaping into lochs and climbing mountains in search of evidence to the lilting strains of Hamish MacCunn's "The Land of the Mountain and the Flood".

Glasgow's procurators fiscal can be cutting about the fictional Mr Donald Sutherland and their more favoured real life colleagues in places such as Perth and Portree. The difference between their professional lives, they say, can be summed up in one word, "crime—the big case of the week in the country is when somebody receives a stolen guillemot's egg".

Glasgow fiscals are tough, plain-speaking men without a trace of the smoothness that the legal profession so often exudes. A visiting lawyer from Chicago, to their unconcealed delight, once described them as "those hard-nosed prosecutors from the west".

They seem even meaner than usual these days because, in union terms, they have had enough. They are almost certainly the worst housed senior civil servants in the land. The Glasgow contingent of the Procurators Fiscals Society, an active body affiliated to Whitehall's "top people's" union, the First Division Association, is showing every sign of the militancy traditionally associated with Red Clydeside.

The Glasgow Sheriff Court, which vies with another in Hamburg as Europe's busiest, handles 30,000 cases a year, "from urinating in the street to murder", in the words of Mr John McGlennan, the man who had those sharp things to say about the guillemot's egg. They are housed in attics atop the old City Chambers and wander about corridors filled with sundry members of the criminal classes and their victims.



The procurator fiscal of a Glasgow Sheriff Court (centre) using the mantelpiece as a desk in a room known as the "kennel".

The surroundings are as squalid as some of the felonies the court hears about. Everybody involved is demeaned. "The fiscal in the country has a status in the community. In Glasgow, he is just the [unmentionable] who got me three months", Mr McGlennan says.

His colleague, Mr Thomas Docherty, a very senior fiscal, has the luxury of a room to himself in the roof, but the skylight leaks and he must move his desk to avoid the drips when it rains. Graffiti in the grime on the wall bear the date October 25, 1973.

The worst room of all is known as the "kennel", because it was once occupied by a fiscal with the name of Sandy Collie. One of its inmates is obliged to use the mantelpiece as his desk. He puts his name-plate up when a member of the public comes in to be interviewed about evidence.

Scotland's Crown Agent, the fiscals' professional head and not the mail-order man who sends medals to President Amin, has found them "new" accommodation in the old Custom House down by the Clyde.

Their present summary room has 280 sq ft to house seven people who process all new cases thrown up by the 1,250,000 people in the court's catchment area. They and the huge Glasgow policemen who come in to do business will have to make do with 270 sq ft in the Custom House if the move takes place on time.

The BBC should make a film about Glasgow's "persecuting physicals", as their public like to call them, to set the life and works of Mr Sutherland in perspective, but there would be no room for anything bigger than a Brownie box camera in their present accommodation. If they did they would find it is black humour rather than the courteous Highland noblesse oblige of Sutherland's law that sustains them through the working day.

Over lunch Mr McGlennan was fastidious about his choice of meat course: "You never know what's in steak pie; it might be one of the clients", he confided.

Commercial TV to cut foreign programmes

By Kenneth Gosling

Less foreign-produced material, including American films, will be shown on commercial television in future as a result of a decision by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to increase the proportion of home-produced material by 2 per cent to 86 per cent.

It has also decided, after consultation with the companies and the unions, to reduce the amount of imported material that can be shown during peak viewing times in the evenings. That period has been redefined.

The companies were said yesterday to be not particularly pleased at the prospect of a change; the reduction is only two hours in a 100-hour viewing week, and Equity, the actors' union, thought it should be more in view of "the gigantic profits" of the independent companies.

Mr Colin Shaw, IBA director of television, said at a press conference that it was the first alteration to be made in the quota arrangements, which in future would be subject to an annual review. He hoped it would mean fewer repeats in the schedules and greater employment opportunities as the companies put more money into home production.

In the 12 months up to the middle of last year the companies spent £7.5m on "acquired material", two thirds from overseas. The BBC's proportion of home-produced material, at 84 per cent for 1976-77 was the same as the companies'.

The IBA plans to increase the home quota over the next 12 months. Peak viewing time is now defined as running from 6.30 to 10.30 pm from Mondays to Saturdays, and from 7.15 to 10.30 pm on Sundays. Previously it was 7.30 to 11 pm.

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Britain: The Social Response (Commission Equality, Elliot House, lington Street, London 1, £1).

Ten years' jail for informer on robberies

A man who gave the police information on 30 robberies was jailed at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday for 10 years for armed robberies. Operation Gold Dust was the code name given by the police to the confessions of Leroy Davies, who turned informer.

Armed detectives were on duty yesterday to protect him when he appeared to be sentenced after pleading guilty to seven armed robberies in which more than £317,000 was stolen, one charge of conspiracy to rob and seven charges of carrying firearms. He asked for 33 offences to be taken into consideration, including 15 robberies and 12 conspiracies to rob.

John Gorman, aged 38, of Fordwych Road, Cricklewood, London, pleaded guilty to one charge of robbery and a charge of possessing a firearm. He was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment.

Mr Davies, aged 31, became an informer when he was arrested for a £250,000 raid on a security van. As a result of his information some men have been arrested, but the police are still following the leads, it was disclosed in court.

Mr Roger Frisby, QC, for the defence said: "The information he has given is about men who the police believe to be among the most violent and dangerous criminals in the country." Mr Davies had "put his head in the noose".

The court was also told that during the three months Mr Davies had been in police custody he married the mother of two children. Mrs Elizabeth Davies, aged 17 told the court that she and her children were now living under assumed names in police protection.

Strike causes 'Aida' to be postponed for a year

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter

The English National Opera announced yesterday that it has postponed its new production of *Aida* until the 1979-80 season. It had been due to start on October 18.

Difficulties caused by the recently resolved strike by the chorus at the London Coliseum have affected the planning for the opera. The company said it had proved impossible, in the time available, to keep spending on *Aida* within its budget.

To fill the gap, there will be a revival of another Verdi opera, *Don Carlos*, using the cast scheduled for *Aida*.

Aida was to have been repeated in November. It will be replaced by *Madame Butterfly*.

Milage rates protest

Twenty ambulance staff employed at Cambridgeshire control headquarters started a week's overtime ban yesterday in protest over milage rates for using their own cars to and from the headquarters at Huntingdon.

Court worried about divorce case injunction pleas

The divorce court authorities in London are clamping down on one-sided applications for injunctions after a recent survey which showed that nearly half such cases were "unmeritorious".

Lawyers have been reminded that ex-parte applications, for instance, when a wife seeks to have her estranged husband ordered out of the house in his absence, should not be made unless there is immediate danger of serious injury or irreparable damage.

In a "practice note" Mr Robert Bayne-Powell, senior registrar of the Family Division of the High Court, says that Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division, is concerned by the increasing number of ex-parte applications "which could, and should, have been made, if at all, on two clear days' notice to the other side".

Mr Bayne-Powell said the delays in the unmeritorious cases wasted time, caused needless expense, usually to the Legal Aid Fund, and was unjust to respondents.

Wales looks forward to her own fourth channel

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

The setting up of a fourth, mainly Welsh language language, television channel for Wales, which is expected to be confirmed tomorrow in the Government White Paper on broadcasting, will be regarded in the principality as one of the most important measures ever taken to secure the future of the tongue.

The whole question of a fourth channel has become an emotional and political topic in Wales, and the White Paper is widely expected to recommend a fourth channel for the principality before the rest of the country.

In the past decade four important reports have urged the Government to establish a Welsh language channel and the pressure for its creation has increased as the language has declined.

The Government's failure to give a firm date for opening of the channel has led to a huge campaign of civil disobedience in Wales. Hundreds of people have been fined or imprisoned for damaging broadcasting installations or refusing to pay television licence fees.

For some time the Government has been committed to establish a Welsh language channel, but it has pleaded lack of funds as the reason for delaying implementation.

Of late, however, the political screws have been turned, the Labour Party in Wales throwing its considerable weight behind the effort to save the language.

A recent report by the Government-appointed Council for the Welsh Language said that the language was in crisis. It added that to establish the fourth channel in Wales would have cost £10.9m in capital spensing in 1976, and to maintain it would cost £6.9m a year at 1976 prices.

rest in Cornish language reviving

Regional Report

Alan Hamilton
Camborne

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But not since Dolly , the last known native of Cornish, died in e in 1777 have so them been able to say rapping their tongues *Ny-allaf-vy kewsel* k.

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oard, established by en- c volunteers and now under the wing of the of Cornish Studies, a e-based body financed by the county council Exeter University, is d by financial strin- More students may the language if the ould afford to publish texts for study. An on for a grant of for new publications is nsidered by Unesco. reatest need is for a orary Cornish diction- ary, the present volume composed early in this century being deficient in modern ideas and idiom. A new edition would undoubtedly include the Cornish words for television (*pellwolok*: long-looking), telephone (*pellgewsel*: long-talking), bicycle (*margh-horn*: iron horse), and such jargon as "no way" (*na fors*).

For new ideas Cornish borrows first from its closest relative, Breton, and then from Welsh. Only if all Celtic avenues fail does it borrow from English. For example, the Cornish for train is *tren*.

The gorsedd, Cornwall's nearest equivalent to an eisteddfod, was founded 50 years ago and has been a considerable influence in keeping the language alive, with its annual competitions for Cornish prose and verse composition. But there is no money to publish the winning entries and a wider audience is thus denied any substantial body of modern Cornish literature.

But the language board has recently made significant headway. Five schools in the county now offer Cornish in the curriculum, and Redruth Comprehensive School has persuaded the regional examination board to accept a CSE paper in Cornish. Out of the 14 students who passed the language board's top-grade examination this year, 10 have been recommended for bardship of the gorsedd.

The greatest single factor in the death of Cornish in the eighteenth century was probably the lack of a Cornish Bible. Some amends are being made; two of the four gospels have been rendered into Cornish, and the Bishop of Truro has set up a committee to advise on the growing use of the language in church services on special occasions.

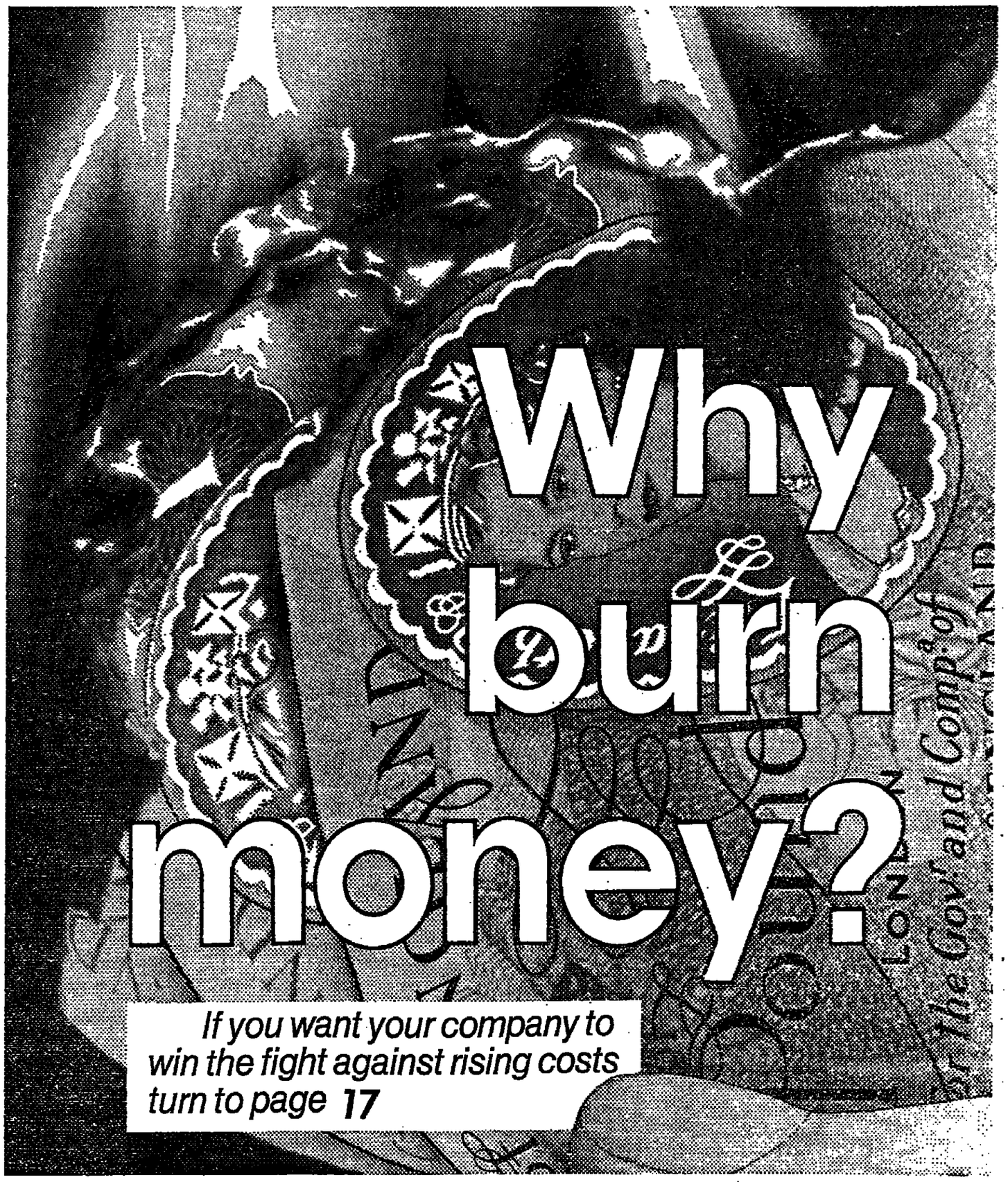
A fair body of religious literature, including a complete Mystery Cycle, a Creation and a Noah play, and a unique Saints' Play, survives in medieval Cornish, which is identical with the unified Cornish taught today except for a standardization of spelling by the pioneers of the language revival, Henry Jenner and Morton Nance, in the 1920s.

A small amount of Cornish literature is being written, chiefly traditional tales, patriotic poetry, and stories of King Arthur.

Interest is not totally confined to the locality; a university lecturer in Quebec, after favourable response to his lectures on the Quechua language of the Bolivian and Peruvian Indians, has launched a course in Cornish.

Nor are the language board's missionary activities confined to the academic. Two sponsored groups of Cornish speakers, called *Yetin An Weryn* (Language of the people) tour pubs in the county, hoping that their conversations will excite the interest of others.

Miss Combellack believes that the revival of interest in the language springs from the Cornishman's sense of nationalism, stimulated by a depressed tin industry, high unemployment, and much talk of devolution elsewhere in the country.



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Government will be blocking EEC directive on mowers

House of Commons

There seemed to be something to be said for the view that the European Commission's whole approach to harmonization was ridiculous and misguided, on the basis of the one they proposed about lawnmower noise, Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade, said. He added that the British Government would block that directive.

He had been asked by Mr John Ellis (Brigg and Scunthorpe, Lab) what effect he expected EEC directives to standardize noise levels on mowing and grinding machines would have on imports and exports.

Mr Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab)—If those proposals become directives, without further amendment, the effect on our trade might well be negative, but we shall seek to change them to avoid this.

Mr Ellis—Would the minister accept that if there is a problem of noise with mowing or grinding machinery, in Brussels, Bonn, Bolton, Bombay, or Baghdad, those places are better able to deal with their problems themselves.

Since the minister has said that the legislation is likely to have no effect, will he cease from participating in that kind of useless negotiation in which the Commission, whatever one's view, is making itself a laughing stock?

Mr Meacher—The Commission started work on the draft directive to harmonize lawnmower noise limits because existing limits in German legislation constitute a technical barrier to trade under Article 100.

There seems to be something to be said for the view expressed that the Commission's whole approach to harmonization, if it is based on examples like this, is ridiculous and misguided. We certainly intend to block this directive. (Cheers.)

Mr Nell Marten (Banbury, C)—I thank him for that last comment. The logic of such proposals might be that the Government should ask the Commission if they proposed a directive that the level of noise of all cars should be reduced to the level of the British Rolls-Royce.

Mr Meacher—That is an ingenious suggestion.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab)—Almost the whole population, irrespective of whether people are pro or anti-Market are fed up to their eye teeth—(Laughter)—with silly, stupid directives which keep emanating from Brussels.

It is about time ministers went there with no noise at all, and gave the Churchill sign in reverse. That would please the people of this country.

Mr Meacher—That is broadly what we intend to do. (Cheers and laughter.)

Peers do not insist on PR for Wales

House of Lords

The House agreed not to insist on its amendments to the Wales Bill providing for an additional member system of proportional representation for elections to the assembly.

When Commons reasons for disagreeing to certain Lords amendments were considered Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, said it would be wrong to insist upon the PR provision in the light of the overwhelming opposition to it in the Commons.

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran (L) said the Government and the Labour Party in their attitude towards PR had done a grave disservice to the people of Wales. The Labour Party in Wales was more obsessed with power and patronage than with any question of social, economic or electoral reform.

Local government: The Opposition recognized that all was not well with local government in Wales but they doubted whether the time was yet right for either a reorganization or a review upon which such a reorganization should be based, Lord Elton said.

He moved that the House should not insist on the amendment to remove the clause requiring an assembly to review the structure of local government in Wales. Instead he proposed a substitute amendment requiring Parliament to initiate the review at a time it saw fit.

Lord Heycock (Lab) said the eight Welsh counties, of which he was privileged to be president, were opposed to the assembly being able to reorganize local government. There was no need at the moment for any such reorganization in the Principality.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, said there was a feeling of unease as to whether the system of local government and its structure in Wales was the best system.

The original amendment would have removed the obligation on the assembly to carry out a review of local government structure, but under that amendment the assembly would be free to pursue of its own accord a local government review.

Under the present amendment, the assembly would be debarred from doing this. This was a substantial difference.

There had been fear that the assembly would proceed on a slashing programme by abolishing county and district councils and arrogating powers to itself. There were no grounds for such fears. The amendment reflected a lack of confidence in the assembly.

The amendment was carried by 109 votes to 77—majority against the Government, 32.

The Government were defeated by 97 votes to 84 on a substitute group of Opposition amendments excluding the powers and functions of the Welsh Development Agency and the Development Board for Rural Wales from those to be devolved to the assembly.

Amendments reserving the powers and functions of not only the two development bodies but also those of the Land Authority for Wales were not insisted upon. Lady Elles, for the Opposition, said the WDA and the rural development board were concerned with the economic and social development of Wales as a whole. This could not be considered in isolation from the economic development of the United Kingdom. Lady Stedman, Baroness in Waiting, said this was not a constructive approach to devolution and it risked causing serious offence to people living in Wales who would be represented by the assembly.

It would be a mistake to insist on the amendments. It would deprive the assembly of powers of importance to the people of Wales.

In lieu of an amendment to which the Commons had disagreed leaving Clause 60 (Powers of assembly to assume functions of certain bodies) out of the Bill, Lady Elles moved an amendment which, she said, would enable Parliament to decide whether bodies it had set up could be dissolved by a totally different body.

The effect of her amendment would be to require the Secretary of State to lay an order before Parliament for approval by affirmative resolution whenever the assembly intended to take action under the clause.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said they should pause and consider carefully before they introduced any amendment to the Bill which might disturb or impair unintentionally the nature and scope of devolution.

The amendment was carried by 94 votes to 71—majority against the Government, 23.

The Government were defeated by 79 votes to 67 on an Opposition amendment requiring that the assembly standing orders include provision for the admission o ft republic to meetings of the assem and its committees.

An amendment to bring the assembly under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, was not insisted upon.

Lord Elton said the Opposition had great anxiety that the assembly should deliver to the Welsh fair and open government.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said it would be wholly inappropriate to treat the assembly like a local authority of about 20 years ago.

The Opposition seemed to think that if left to themselves the assembly would conduct as much of their busines as possible behind closed doors. The sort of proposal in the amendment flew in the face of political reality.

Consideration of Commons amendments was completed.

House adjourned, 8.29 pm.

Bills through

The Finance, Employment (Continental Shelf), Greater London Council (General Powers) (No 2) and Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bills were read the third time and passed.

New peer

Lord Reilly, formerly Sir Paul Reilly, a former director of the Design Council, was introduced.

Retaliation likely if controls put on imports

A more general policy of import controls would lead to retaliatory action against British exports because the majority of Britain's major trading partners had the same problems and would be unlikely to acquiesce in restrictions, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said at question time.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab) had asked upon what evidence his department based their view that the imposition of selective import controls would result in retaliatory action.

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)—I have received a number of representations calling for further import controls, and have taken action in certain cases.

I take the view that a more general policy of import controls would lead to retaliatory action against our exports because the majority of our major trading partners have the same problems of high unemployment that we have and would, therefore, be unlikely to acquiesce in restrictions which sought to deal with our problems at their expense.

Mr Madden—Britain is seen as an easy and attractive market by many manufacturing nations around the world and countries that have got the most favourable balance of trade with this country, for example Japan, are clearly unlikely to cut their own throats by taking retaliatory action against Britain.

Mr Dell—I take the view that it is possible for certain nations, as has been done with Japan, to negotiate voluntary restriction arrangements. But more general restrictions would provoke emulation and retaliation. Britain may be an easy and attractive market; that is why British industry should make itself competitive to supply that market.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C)—Will he accept my congratulations on the way he and other ministers have resisted the absurd notion that somehow you will make British industry competitive and able to do better in the world by artificially imposing import restrictions. Will he continue resisting anything so absurd as generalized import controls?

Mr Dell—We will certainly resist generalized import controls. But as I have made clear, most recently at the OECD ministerial council, that unless we can relaunch world trade at a higher rate of expansion I am afraid there will be a further deterioration in a protectionist direction.

Move to cut small firms' form-filling

Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, said in a written reply—I have asked all ministers in charge of departments to carry out a comprehensive review of both statistical forms and administrative forms that affect small firms.

The review of statistical forms will cover all regular statistical surveys that include small firms, with a view to reducing their number, frequency and degree of detail. This review will be subject to central control, will produce results quickly and will have covered the whole field within one year.

Administrative forms present a different kind of problem. They cannot be considered in isolation from the policies and procedures from which they stem. But the number of forms must be kept to a minimum; where a form has to be used, it should be as uncomplicated and straightforward as possible.

In each department a junior minister will be responsible for supervising these reviews and for ensuring that proper attention is paid to the need to limit the burdens which statistical and administrative forms place on small firms. A regular report on administrative procedures will be made to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Industry with special responsibility for small firms. In addition, the small firms division of the Department of Industry will be identifying particular problems in this area and pursuing them with the Government department or agency concerned.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on the economy including the White Paper on inflation.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Homes Insulation Bill and Parliamentary Pensions Bill, remaining stages. Debate on export of live farm animals.

Unemployment rising at the rate of 25 an hour under Labour

For every hour that the Government had been in office 25 extra people had been added on average to the number without work, Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said.

Mr Hayhoe (Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C), who was opening a debate on unemployment, said the Government's failure to live up to the slogan on which they won power in February, 1974, "Back to work with Labour", was central to the charges made by the Opposition of the damage the Government had done to the country.

In March, 1974 (he went on) there were approximately 600,000 people unemployed in the United Kingdom. The latest figure is 1,585,811. That means that for every hour that this Government has been in power 25 extra people have been added on average to the numbers of the unemployed: 25 for every hour, 600 for every day.

Over 330,000 of the unemployed had been unemployed for more than one year. That was a worrying figure.

The disadvantaged groups within society were suffering most. The young blacks in the big cities were suffering a higher rate of unemployment than any other group. Those without qualifications were much less liable to get a job on leaving school than those who had obtained them. The children of the long-term unemployed and the disabled, particularly the young disabled, faced problems. The incidence of unemployment among young women had risen more sharply than among young men.

He did not know how many of these disadvantaged groups would be following proceedings in the House. Many of them could not care less what was going on in the House. Many of them had opted out of the system.

The Government came to power with a slogan saying they would get the people back to work. In October, 1974, they were saying that unemployment was beginning to fall, yet since that time there had been a consistent steady rise, until the last few months.

There was justification in the argument that world conditions had led to increases in unemployment.

However, in 1973 and 1974, the year of the hike in oil prices and the following year, United Kingdom levels of unemployment were a little below the average of the OECD countries. In 1975 they began steeply to rise and overtake that average, by 1976 they were well above and in 1977-78 Britain on the OECD comparable statistics was nearly the worst country regarding unemployment.

But over the last nine or 10 months there had been a slight drop in unemployment. What had produced the improvement? Nothing less than a reversal of the earlier policies of the Government. The reduction in the sarp rise in unemployment followed the cuts in Government expenditure announced at the end of 1976. This showed the absurdity of Labour's present cries about Tory policies on public expenditure cutting jobs.

The Conservative Party was against the indiscriminate use of subsidies, but they had given a fair wind to the Employment Subsidies Act and the scare stories that they would axe job subsidies when they came to office were untrue. They did, however, believe that temporary help should not become a permanent subsidy.

More than one million jobs were needed during the next three or four years to maintain employment levels at their present mark, and that would have no effect on unemployment. The problem might become more complicated as the micro-processor revolution started.

The Opposition charged the Government with complacency. They had failed to recognize the seriousness of the problem and had concentrated too much on palliative measures rather than deal with long-term solutions necessary to get the job prospects moving again.

The labour market had to be widened and a better tax climate had to be created to give the incentives to get that moving. There should be more continuity in Government policies towards industry and they should seek to create more common ground in dealing with industrial problems.

If industries go on being overmanned (he said) and if their unit costs keep going up so that industry becomes less competitive, that is the sure and certain way of destroying the jobs in industry.

Forty per cent of all those unemployed were unskilled, the figure rising to 60 per cent of the long-term unemployed. At the same time there was a shortage of skilled people causing bottlenecks in some industries. It was necessar yto improve the training content from formal education through the working life of the citizen.

Each time Labour had been in office they had left with more people out of work than when they came in. They had failed to meet the challenge of unemployment and in that failure they had given the Conservatives the chance to serve the country by implementing policies which would provide jobs and destroy the myth that they were the party of unemployment.

The Labour Party had used unemployment as an instrument of policy and they had failed to solve the problem.

Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State for Employment (Doncaster, Lab) said the Labour Party never had, and never would, use unemployment as an instrument of policy.

Between mid-June, 1972, and mid-June, 1977, the total number of people added to the labour force was 900,000 odd. The Government would have had to create an additional 900,000 jobs to have stood still at the 1972 level. In the event, they created 400,000 additional jobs so there were 400,000 more people in employment than in mid-1972. While unemployment had gone up so had the numbers in employment.

There had been wildly irresponsible headlines about unemployment allegedly reaching 1,700,000 in 1978-79. He wanted to lay that bogy. The figure of 1,700,000 submitted in a letter by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the chairman of the subcommittee of the Expenditure Committee for unemployment in 1978-79 was a working assumption, not a forecast, given in the autumn of 1977 for the expenditure estimates published in January, 1978.

As a figure it was not comparable with the official unemployment figure. It included an allowance for temporarily laid off workers, which was excluded from the official employment figures.

What it would be a year hence was nothing but a mere guess.

In any case, the assumption of 1,700,000 was made last autumn and had subsequently been revised downwards. The Government gave the revised estimate to the Government actuary and his report published in May gave an estimated level of 1,770,000. On that basis the official unemployment figures in 1978-79 would be expected to be lower.

No unemployment forecasts could ever be regarded as a true prediction of the future.

Government have created extra 400,000 jobs since 1974–minist

It was impossible to know to what extent plans and expectations could be realized. One illustration was that world trade expansion must be a major factor in the Government's strategy to maintain full employment and sustain economic growth. The Government had been seeking that in cooperation with other industrial countries but they could not know the outcome.

Other countries were as anxious as was Britain to bring down unemployment and to increase world trade.

Everyone accepted that excessive inflation injured employment. The Government had brought down inflation from 27 per cent in 1975 to 7.4 per cent now and aimed to bring it down further. An important factor was bound to be the attitude and response of trade unions and management.

Of crucial importance in future employment levels must be industrial policy. They had to make British industry competitive to win a large share of overseas markets, but the result depended not solely on the Government but on the response of industry itself.

There were signs that industry was responding to Government measures.

The latest available estimates showed Britain's share of manufactured exports to be 9.25 per cent in 1977 compared with 8.7 per cent in 1976. The results in 1978 and 1979 depended on the efforts of all sectors of industry.

That was the surest and best way to bring down unemployment by providing a strong base in manufacturing industry which alone could secure the expansion in health, education and other important social services which the people had every right to expect.

The Government of course looked for expansion of employment in small firms, and they would continue to seek ways to help them expand.

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Despite the number leavers this year as co last year the number o ister so far was less. In the youth program expected to help 234, people and the special employment programm 25,000. But all this de the Manpower Service sion getting support f communities.

The Government had proposals of a new working scheme. No firm had been made about the necessary consulta going on. But a decisio duce a scheme would affect levels of unemplo

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Call for shift from direct to indirect taxes

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) said socialist budgetary, taxation, and economic policies were all fundamentally unsound and the need for productivity and growth could only be met by a fundamental shift in the thrust of these policies, for example in the basis of taxation, in particular from direct to indirect taxes, with a greater emphasis on incentives.

Job creation and saving schemes were costing £530m but were only short-term palliatives that did not get to the root of the problem.

Rather than spend vast sums of public money on subsidies, grants and unemployment benefit it would be better to increase investment, particularly in new building, such as houses, hospitals or schools.

Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said he did not believe in the alternative strategy of some Labour MPs including a form of import controls.

There would (he said) be quite considerable and massive retaliation which would have an effect on our exports that might lead not to improved employment but merely the transfer of jobs from one firm to another or one part of the country to another. That would be of no benefit at all.

The only hope in the next few years of substantially improving the unemployment situation was in the public service industries.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C) said it was high time to review regional policy and to reexamine the question of bringing jobs to people rather than people to jobs.

Mr James Craigen (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab) said with 1,500,000 people unemployed the amount of overtime worked in industry was increasing. Some plain speaking would have to be done by the trade union leaders to their members in that respect.

It was logical to look at the possibility of reducing the working week to make more jobs available.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Colne, Lab) said that with the new industrial revolution there might be a new class of people they had to educate to enjoy leisure. The people employed in industry would be more skilled and more professional. They would need to be educated for far longer.

One of the things trade unions were already moving to was a shorter working week. People would be taking sabbaticals of six or 12 months off twice during their working lives.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) said they must make better use of the land to provide employment. In the rural areas like Truro it took 200 acres of land to provide a single job. That was nonsense and that great natural resource should be used to provide far more jobs.

More and better marketing of goods was needed. Britain's attitude to marketing was pathetic.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C) said in all previous times of mass unemployment there had never been this paradox where there was a great demand for skilled labour. Perhaps the disappointing fruits of the training and retraining programme were due to lack of inducement.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said if the nation organized work resources, materials, industry and investment in a planned, intelligent way there would not be any unemployment.

It was necessary to think in terms of creating new jobs, new industries, and all sorts of new companies. The National Enterprise Board needed financial backing to involve itself in further activities in the creation of new jobs and industries.

The present crisis was part of the crisis of world capitalism. It would have been worse but for a Labour Government. He trusted that the next Labour Government would listen far more to Labour MPs than to the Conservatives.

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said he believed the policy of the Chancellor was to keep unemployment at the one million level for the next three or four years. That was not acceptable and should be rejected. The public sector could be expanded even if the private sector refused to expand.

Mr Edward Taylor, chief Opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs (Glasgow, Cathcart, C), said there was no doubt that unemployment had been the greatest failure in the Government's policies and totally at variance with the pledges they gave at the election. When the Government came to power Britain was in a better state in jobs than almost all its OECD competitors.

Now Britain's 7.2 per cent unemployment rate w s higher than most countries in Europe. The economy had performed badly by comparison with others who had been facing the same international problems.

Every penny that went in aids to industry, whether sound or unsound, came from taxes on firms that might otherwise be able to provide more permanent jobs if allowed to. In some cases spending on aids had positively destroyed jobs in other fields.

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Finding new uses for redundant churches

Some 224 churches which had been officially declared redundant were presently in Church ownership, Mr Terence Walker, Second Church Estates Commissioner (Kingswood, Lab) said during questions to the Church Commissioners.

He told Mr Tom Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—Of these 224, the future of 157 has yet to be decided while the remaining 67 await transfer to an agreed new use.

In all, the future of 574 redundant churches has been resolved since 1969: nearly half of these have been or will be converted to alternative uses, one quarter are being preserved by the Redundant Churches Fund, a body financed by the Church and state. The remainder have been demolished.

It is impossible to value redundant churches until the method of disposal has been decided and, consequently, the Commissioners cannot assess the aggregate book value of redundant churches in Church ownership.

The priority is to find a suitable alternative use rather than to obtain the highest price irrespective of the use.

Mr Litterick—Can he confirm that the Church has not made any money from disposal of redundant church buildings in the last 10 years?

Are the Commissioners satisfied that there is close enough liaison between the Church and local authorities so that these buildings can be put to socially valuable use?

Mr Walker—The Commissioners get no financial benefit from sales of redundant churches.

Two thirds of the proceeds of sales are made available to the diocese where the redundant church is situated. The money can be used to build new churches, for work on existing ones, or for transfer to pay clergy stipends or house clergy.

The other third is transferred to the Redundant Churches Fund.

Total net sale proceeds dealt with in this way since the scheme began in 1969 have been £3,219,000.

Trade minister to visit China

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, is to visit China soon.

He said that in reply to Mr Roderick MacFarquhar (Belper, Lab) who asked him to look at China when considering the question of trade credits.

Mr Dell—I hope shortly to visit China and this will no doubt be among the matters I shall discuss with them. I hope I do not have to come back in the course of my visit. (Laughter.)

Plans to reduce oil pollution in new merchant shipping Bill

The Government proposed to introduce the Merchant Shipping Bill next session, Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab), said during questions about pollution by oil tankers.

He told MPs—I have received a number of representations expressing concern, which I fully share, about the effects of oil pollution. The Government will continue their efforts to develop and bring into effect practical, internationally agreed measures to improve tanker safety and reduce oil pollution.

Important provisions in this connexion are included in the draft Merchant Shipping Bill which was appended to the recently published White Paper on *Action and Safety at Sea*.

He added that the Government would inform the House of the results of their stocktaking of contingency arrangements for dealing with oil pollution.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C)—What has happened to the Government's proposals to IMCO for mandatory special training requirements for masters, officers and crews of tankers?

What are the Government proposing to do about rerouteing present tanker routes around our coasts to ensure they can be kept further away from the coasts than at present?

Mr Davis—Agreement was reached at the recent conference on training and certification of seafarers and I hope it will be possible for the agreement to be ratified by a sufficient number of countries.

The rerouteing of tankers is under close investigation. We have reached agreement with the French on the Ushant and Casquets position. We hope it will be possible for the tanker rerouteing and the reporting-in arrangements to be implemented by January 1, 1979.

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab) said that taking liquor on board fishing vessels was a longstanding abuse. He asked what measures the minister hoped to take to cope with it.

Mr Davis—We in the Department of Trade are anxious to see this legislation implemented. We have given a firm commitment that we stand by the terms of the Bill and we want to see it implemented in the next session.

Drink on fishing vessels, he added, was a problem which had been identified in relation to a number of fatal accidents. He hoped what the Government proposed would be acceptable to the House in due course.

Mr John Prescott (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab)—Will the Opposition's recent statement that they will not introduce the Bill weaken our fight against pollution?

Mr Davis—In his only foray into merchant shipping affairs Mr John Nott (chief Opposition spokesman on trade) made an ill-advised speech in which he contradicted himself by saying on one hand it was necessary to have this Bill and on the other that if his Government were elected they would not have time to present it.

Mr John Nott (St Ives, C)—In the so-called speech I said no such thing. The Government have been the Government for four years and have had plenty of opportunity to introduce this Bill.

We recognize the great importance of this Bill and we will bring it in as soon as we possibly can, subject to major economic or other matters which are bound to take priority for an incoming Government. (Labour interruptions.)

Mr Davis—What Mr Nott is reported to have said is that the Bill would not receive priority under a future Tory administration.

Lack of safeguard clause delayed action on Greek textile imports

Imports of Greek knitted shirts and blouses increased above the agreed quota during the first four months of this year. Action would have been taken sooner if the EEC Commission had not omitted a safeguard clause in the EEC-Greece agreement, Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary of State for Trade, said during questions.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East, Lab) had asked what were the United Kingdom imports of cotton yarn and knitted shirts from Greece during the first four months of 1978.

Mr Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab)—United Kingdom imports of cotton yarn and knitted shirts from Greece in the first four months of 1978 were 1,192 tonnes and 1,768,000 pieces respectively.

Mr Lamond—These figures demonstrate that the informal agreement under the multifibre arrangements have been thwarted by Greece in particular. This is another example where we would be much more able to protect our industry if we were not bound up with the bureaucrats in Brussels. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Meacher—The EEC did impose quotas on imports of Greek knitted shirts and blouses as from July 7 at the levels we accepted in December last year. He is correct that there has been a slippage. The quota was 940,000 pieces whereas imports in the first four months were 1,770,000. Action would have been taken sooner if the Commission on this occasion had not omitted the safeguard clause in the EEC-Greece agreement.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C)—Have the Greek authorities denied this extra fulfilment of orders in four months, and if so, what action do the EEC or the Government propose to take?

Mr Meacher—I have no evidence that there has been any lie on the part of the Greek authorities. The EEC-Greece agreement did not contain the safeguard clause and therefore there was the question of the legal authority under which the Commission would act to insist legally and mandatorily on the assurance which the Greeks had given in December last year. That authority has been obtained.

The quota now proposed is at a considerably higher level than was accepted. The level of imports is considerably higher than the quota agreed last December—but it does mean that in future years that quota at the agreed level will be enforced.

Mr Michael Noble (Rossendale, Lab)—Is he dissatisfied with the lack of any formal arrangements for many of the Mediterranean countries, and will the Government propose to ensure that those arrangements are formalized next year? Is he satisfied with the surveillance arrangements of the multifibre agreement for the rest of Europe?

Mr Meacher—I am satisfied that the surveillance arrangements are effective. Where they appear not to be effective and where additional imports are coming in over and above the quota level—this is largely because additional imports may have been licensed where they were only for re-export and consignments were shipped to a large degree at the end of 1977 and did not count against the 1978 quota although these do count in the 1978 imports.

We have made it clear to the Commission that whatever the outcome of the negotiations still going on with Portugal, we will only accept an arrangement on firm undertakings being given by them that the December 1977 policy levels will be fully implemented in respect of those other Mediterranean suppliers.

Mr Timothy Smith (Ashfield, C)—The Knitting Industry Federation say the Greek industry has no intention of observing the undertakings given to EEC negotiators. How will the Government enforce this restriction?

Mr Meacher—The EEC Commission have continued to enforce the level of imports as it is now, which I accept is well above the quota level agreed last year. It will be enforced on that basis.

We expect further action to be taken soon in respect of other textile sectors. This might be, perhaps, as a result of the meeting of the Council of Ministers tomorrow

Purchase of BAC 1-11s expected

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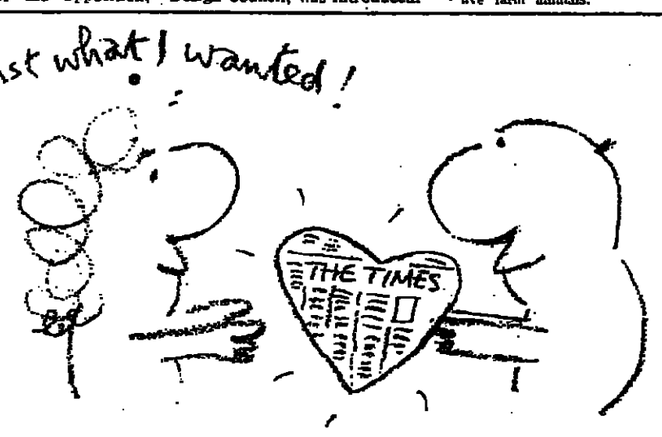
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There would be differential incentives on authorities to incur extra expenditure; the scheme would thus be likely to lead to an overall increase in district spending.

Considerable administrative costs would inevitably be involved.

Mr Hetherington said the practical consequences for the ratepayer had not been considered. In general, ratepayers in the more urban areas could expect a lower rate bill, at the cost of rural ratepayers.

"All the money has to come out of the same grant total," he said. "The effect would be to cause sudden changes in the rates between one district and the next, which would be very difficult to explain to the ratepayers."

Rates for one householder in an average property might go down by 5p in the pound, while for another they might increase by the same amount.

Mr Shore gave no indication at the meeting of his decision. The matter is to be resolved before next year's grant is announced at the end of November.

On the matter of police pay, however, he did give an assurance to local authority associations that the cash limit on local government spending would be adjusted to take account of the recent pay award made in the light of the recommendations by the enquiry into police pay.

Disagreements over strategy for broad democratic alliance of left disclosed

Communist Party membership at lowest for 25 years

By Ian Bradley

Membership of the Communist Party has dropped to its lowest level for more than twenty-five years, a senior official admitted yesterday.

In an interview with *The Times* to coincide with the beginning of a television series on British communism, Mr George Matthews, head of press and publicity and a member of the party's political committee, said the number of membership cards issued so far this yer wap about 22,000.

Full membership counts are taken every two yers. At the aast count, in summm, 1977, there were 25,293 members. In 1975 there were 28,519. The latest figure suggests that the decline is continuing at the rate of between 5 and 10 per cent a year.

Mr Matthews said: "I think the decline in membership has affected all grops on the left. They are either stagnant or declining. It is also affecting the *Tribune* Group. The fact is that, in the ideological field, the Labour Government has succeeded in getting through its social contract ideas to the working people and in persuading them taht inflation is caused by high wage claims."

Of the otehr two main left-wing parties in Britain, the Socialist Workers' Party claims a membersip of between 4,500 a membership of between 4,500 and 5,000, and the International Marxist Group a full membership of 1,373 with a thousand sympathizers. Both maintain that they have increased membership significantly over the past yer, partly at the expense of the communists.

Mr Matthews admits that the Communist Party performed badly in recent elections in the Amalgamated union of Engineering Workers and that it had lost at least five hundred members last year to the New Communist Party, which broke from the main party in protest against the "reformist" nature of its programme, *The British Road to Socialism*.

The debate in the Communist Party on the programme, which envisages a broad democratic alliance of the left and the election of a new kind of Labour government, forms the subject of a theirst of three programmes in Granada Television's *Decision* series. It will be broadcast at 10.30 tonight.

The programmes represent the distillation of nearly two years' filming of meetings and discussions at every level of the party leading up to the congress lasy November at which the programme was adopted. They disclose disagreement in the party on how far it should depart from strict Marxist-Leninist principles of socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat and on relations with the Soviet Union.

The debate on the new strategy of democratic progress towards socialism in alliance with other groups on the left has continued this year. In a recent issue of *Socialist Challenge*, the newspaper of the International Marxist Group, Mr Michael Prior, a member of the Communist Party since 1961, said that the party had collapsed as an 'indepedent campaigning force. He said "it has been outflanked and bypassed both to its left and right".



Mr George Matthews: "A temporary situation."

Mr. Matthews said: "I accept that there is a danger that when you cease to be sectarian, as we have, you may go to the other extreme and in the process of allying with other people lose your distinctive voice. But we put as much emphasis on building up a strong Communist Party as on the broad democratic alliance".

He accepted that the Socialist Workers' Party had probably gained more publicity than the communists in recent campaigns against racialism. He did not, however, feel that the only strategy to be pursued was that of the Anti-Nazi League (where the Socialist Workers' have predominated). "There are other sources of racialism apart from the National Front", he added.

After the adoption of its programme last year, the Communist Party invited Labour Party cooperation. Although the Labour Party nationally rejected the invitation, there hace been several requests at local level for communist speakers and copies of The British Raod to Socialism.

In an article in last week's Socialist Challenge, Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, wrote that the growing Eurocommunist movement meant "that communist parties, by becoming indepeident of the Soviet Union, can ultimately merge with the socialist parties; and Marxism, based on its true democratic and revolutionary aspects, can again become the accepted philosophy of the labour and socialist movement".

Mr Matthews dislikes the phrase "Eurocommunism" although he accepts that the communist parties of Britain, France and Italy have come to similar conclusions about the way in which advanced capitalist states can gradually be transofrmed into socialist societies.

On the question of relations with the Soviet Union, he pointed out that the British Communist Party was among the first to condemn the recent trials of dissidents.

The Communist Party has adopted 30 parliamentary candidates and is likely to have more before the next election. Mr Matthews does not expect its fortunes to improve dramatically in the immediate future. But in the longer term he is more sanguine.

"The present situation will be temporary", he says. "Neither the Labour nor the Tory leadership can answer our economic problems. Both are relying on North Sea oil, which will only buy us time. Ultimately, our analysis of the deep-seated nature of the crisis which we face will be confirmed."

Shepherd in Wales to get £9,000 back pay

From Our Correspondent
Cardiff

A shepherd, aged 63, in west Wales was underpaid by £15,000 during the 26 years he worked at a farm in Dyfed, Judge Powell was told at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Elystan Morgan told the judge that Mr David Jones, who lived in a tied cottage on the farm at Llanddewi Brefi, near Tregaron, with his wife, Elizabeth, and an invalid son, was unable, because of the Statute of Limitations, to claim the whole of his back pay. Nevertheless, he was still entitled to £10,300, Mr Morgan said. He appeared for Mr Jones in a civil action conducted in Welsh against Mr Jones's employer, Mr. John David Davies, of Aberdeuddwr Farm.

The parties, however, had reached a settlement for £9,000 to be paid to Mr Jones within 28 days and judgment with costs was entered for that amount. Mr Davies was also to be responsible for Mr Jones's national insurance contributions.

It was also agreed that Mr Jones must leave his house by January 1 next year, and might harvest his hay, but not increase his own livestock of four cows, one heifer, four calves, five sheep, four lambs, two mares, 20 geeese and a few hens.

After the hearing, Mr Jones said he went to work at Aberdeuddwr Farm in 1952 at £3.50 a week. By 1975 his wages had been increased to £7 a week, less 88p national insurance. He should have been getting £28.50.

Today's wages for a full-time farmworker are £53.94, but since June, 1975, when he started his civil action, Mr Jones said he had received nothing, although he continued to look after a flock of 1,000 ewes and 9000 lambs, and hedging and ditching, working from dawn to dusk.

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"There was no question of anyone being hurt. It was just a shouting match for a few moments."

A request to airlines to sell stand-by tickets in London only had come from the British Airways Authority, which had said tat airport sales would lead to unacceptable congestion. It was not appy about long queues of people sleeping in the terminal buildings.

Congestion cleared: Holiday flights returned to normal yesterday after another weekend of disruption caused by the French air traffic controllers dispute.

Officials at all British airports reported that airlines and operators had been better prepared, traffic controllers had allowed more aircraft through, and some alternative routes had been flown.

Magazine trade calls for new obscenity laws

By a Staff Reporter

The British Adult Publications Association Ltd, a body formed last year to represent publishers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers of sex magazines, conceded yesterday that legislation to prevent obscene material from reaching children under 16 may be necessary. It also supports legislation aimed at preventing the use and abuse of children in the production of obscene material.

In evidence to a Home Office committee on obscenity and violence, the association says it is uneasy about the production and distribution of obcenity that exploits sadism, brutality and torture, regardless of whether it is in a sexual context.

The association, whose members handle 50 million copies of adult magazines a year, also calls in its evidence for widespread changes in the obscenity laws.

North Sea oil 'blunders' rouse SNP ire

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

The Scottish National Party reappeared in fighting trim yesterday after its bruising in the Hamilton by-election. Launching what will be an important plank for the party should there be an October election, Mr Gordon Wilson, MP for Dundee, East, and spokesman on energy, accused the Government of "bumbling incompetence" in exploiting North Sea oil. Tits disastrous attitude, he said, was threatening Scotland's future.

Mr Wilson said the object of oil depletion policy must be to optimize the value of resources in the present while husbanding them for the future. The Government had failed on both counts. It believed in developing the North Sea as fast as possible

New exploration was being rushed into agreement and having given the oil companies unlecensed freedom of production until 1982, the Government was now allowing the same companies a tax loophole through which they could elect to use untazd profits for further development.

As a result of government blunders, oil revenues were reduced and production was rising as prices remained slack, he said. Orders for platforms and related equipment were likely to be lost to foreign competition because of pressure on yards.

Customer foils bank raiders

Mr Charles McLean, aged 24, a customer, foiled three armed men at his local branch of the National Westminster Bank in West Ealing, London, yesterday when he tackled a man brandishing a machete.

Mr McLean, a former policeman, went to the aid of a Securicor guard who was attacked while delivering shop takings. He had two stitches in a head wound. The raiders escaped empty handed.

Move to stop 'blacking' by two unions fails

A High Court move to stop a "blacking" campaign which is said to have cost the Hurhwaite Printing Company, of Nottinghamshire, at least £900,000 in lost turnover has failed. Mr Justice Slade refused yesterday to order two printing union leaders to stop causing customers of Hurhwaite to break their contracts

He ruled that Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, and Mr E. J. Martin, national organizer of the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers (Slade), were within their rights in furthering a trade dispute.

The dispute is linked to one between the unions and the T Bailey Forman group of companies over recognition of the NGA and Slade.

Hold-up in 'Ryder letter' trial

The "Ryder letter" trial at the Central Criminal Court was adjourned yesterday until today to allow the prosecution to decide the proper course to take after defence insistence that witnesses should be recalled and certain documents produced in court.

Despite 30 minutes of argument before the jury, Mr William Howard, QC, for the defence, persisted in his demand that Lord Ryder, of Eaton Hastings, former chairman of the National Enterprise Board, and Mr Alex Park, former chief executive of British Leyland, should be recalled to give further evidence. He also held to his request for the production of documents said to be in the possession of British Leyland.

Mr Howard has told the court he wants to try to prove that reports compiled by his client Graham Barton, aged 34, a former British Leyland financial executive, which alleged that the car company operated a "slush fund" for bribes, were true.

Lord Ryder has already denied in court that corruption existed at the company.

Mr Barton and his wife, Farma, aged 32, both of Lincroft Gardens, Hounslow, London, deny between them five charges relaring to the alleged forging of copies of two letters to British Leyland, one purporting to be from Lord Ryder, the other from the Bank of England, and dishonestly obtaining £15,000 from the *Daily Mail* with them.

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WEST EUROPE

Union of Left proves itself alive and kicking by winning back Paris seat for Communist

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, July 24

Contrary to the experts' forecasts, Mme Marie Therese Goutmann, the communist candidate supported by all the left wing parties, won back the seat in the communist stronghold of the Seine-St Denis, north of Paris, yesterday against her Gaullist challenger, M Raymond Valenet, by a comfortable margin of more than 1,000 votes.

This by-election was made necessary by the decision of the Constitutional Council last June to invalidate the results of the parliamentary elections of March 18, on the ground of various irregularities, such as the massive distribution of tracts on the very morning of the second ballot, coupled with Mme Goutmann's narrow lead of 116 votes over M Valenet in the second ballot.

All nine seats in the Seine-St Denis are now held by the Communist party. The ninth district was wrested from it by M Valenet, with a lead of 10,000 votes, in the Gaullist landslide which followed the May-June upheavals of 1968. In the 1973 elections, however, after the creation of the Union of the Left, this had shrunk to 134 votes.

The rather special conditions under which this by-election was held make it difficult to draw from it any general conclusions on the standing of the respective political forces in the country. On the one hand, Mme Goutmann's victory proves once again that the voters traditionally tend to confirm their electoral choice when this is challenged. *Le Monde* notes that since the beginning of the Fifth Republic 20 years ago, 24 election results have been invalidated because of irregularities: and in the 15 cases where a new vote has taken place, the outgoing deputy has been returned.

On the other hand, Mme Goutmann had to overcome two liabilities. The first was the setting by the Constitutional council of a date for the poll, at the very height of the holiday season after the great annual exodus of July 14 (a by-election has by law to be held within three months of the invalidation). This provoked from the Communist central committee charges against the Government of a "real violation of democracy". It was certainly responsible for the unusually low poll in the first ballot on July 16, when abstentions totalled 54.57 per cent, several thousand voters, including Communists, having taken off for the long Bastille Day weekend, if they had not actually gone on longer holidays. The other liability was the collapse of the Union of the Left, and the unrelenting campaign of abuse and innuendo conducted by the Communist Party against its erstwhile Socialist allies.

Between the first and second ballots, however, voting participation increased by 7 per cent. Contrary to forecasts, Mme Goutmann obtained in the second the support of as many of the abstentionists in the first ballot as M Valenet, thus consolidating her lead of more than 1,000 votes from one Sunday to the next.

This was due to the very active campaign of mobilization of left-wing voters by Communist militants during the past week. Mme Goutmann was, it is true, backed by all three left-wing parties without reservation, and left-wing voting discipline worked this time without a hitch.

If there is any lesson to be drawn from this by-election, it is that the Union of the Left, which is dead for the party leaderships, is still alive and kicking for the militants and the rank-and-file voters.

But one swallow does not make a summer; and it would be risky indeed to draw conclusions from the Seine-St Denis test for the future relations between the Communist and Socialist parties. While noting the success of voting discipline on the left, M Pierre Beregovoy, a member of the Socialist secretariat, emphasized that the by-election "confirmed the political choices of the socialist party". He added: "In coming months it means to be the driving spirit of the popular forces without concern for the sectarian attitude of the Communist leaders, who are conducting a rear-guard battle in the face of history."

Silkin anger shows over Irish fishing aid deal

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, July 24

Mr John Silkin, the Minister of Agriculture, clashed today with Herr Josef Ertl, his West German counterpart, over the issue of Britain accepting a majority verdict of member states on new EEC fisheries measures.

At issue was an apparently innocuous proposal for the grant to Ireland over the next five years of some £30m for the purchase of boats and aircraft to patrol Irish fishing grounds. A smaller sum of about £6.5m has also been earmarked for Greenland.

Although Mr Silkin had no objection in principle to this aid, he was alone in insisting that it formed part of a package of proposals for the joint exploitation of the EEC's fish resources, and thus could not be approved in isolation.

Herr Ertl, the present chairman of the farm council, repeatedly announced a majority in favour of the Irish aid and tried to pass on to other business. But each time he was stopped by Mr Silkin, who refused to accept that any agreement had been reached.

British officials, who admitted that the atmosphere had become heated, said they saw the German move as an attempt to set a precedent for taking decisions by majority vote in the main areas of EEC fisheries policy, where Britain has long been out of step with the rest of the Community.

The Irish made the point, however, that Britain had accepted majority verdicts on fisheries questions in the past when it suited the government. An EEC decision endorsing a British-imposed herring ban in the North Sea, for example, was taken by majority vote last year.

For their part, the Irish made clear that without agreement on the EEC aid they would block the extension of reciprocal fishing arrangements with Norway, Sweden and the Faroes which run out at the end of this month. This would lead to loss of EEC access to valuable cod stocks in Norwegian waters, though this would not worry the Irish as they have no distant water fleet.

In the meantime, Mr Silkin has countered charges by the European Commission that he is demanding an excessive share of the Community's fish catch, with a table of figures showing that under present proposals British fishermen would get only 42 per cent of what Britain contributes to the total EEC fish stock.

This compares, he claims, with percentages ranging from 85 per cent for Holland, up to 170 per cent for West Germany, 200 per cent for France, 267 per cent for Belgium, and 280 per cent for Denmark.

The Commission, while not disputing this, said that British demands would raise the British percentage to 100 per cent for the main species over five years.

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Mr Salem Azzam (left) secretary-general of the Islamic Council of Europe, and Dr Karim Gaye, secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, attend the opening in London yesterday of the seminar on Muslim communities in non-Muslim states.

Self-help warning to Muslims

By Edward Mortimer

Muslim minorities in non-Muslim countries were warned yesterday by Mr Salem Azzam, the secretary-general of the Islamic Council of Europe, "against depending too much on outside help".

Mr Azzam was welcoming the participants in a week-long international seminar on Muslim communities in non-Muslim states, sponsored by the Organization of the Islamic Conference and held in the Heathrow Hotel, London.

Muslim countries, he said, were "duty bound to come to the rescue of their Muslim brethren", but the brethrens' "ultimate salvation lies in their adherence to the principles of Islam and self-help. They should strive to take a positive role in the political, social and economic life of their countries."

Mr Azzam mentioned Burma, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, India and Ethiopia as countries where particularly shocking violations of the human rights of Muslims had recently occurred. He added: "The situation in most east European countries is also far from encouraging."

Mr Amadou Karim Gaye, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, said it was also important to study the guarantees offered by the Islamic system to non-Muslim minorities subject to Muslim authority.

Actions aimed at "safeguarding the Islamic personality and strengthening the cultural identity" of Muslim minorities must be "undertaken within the framework of their national societies, without prejudice to the fact that each one of them belongs to its own country". His organization had always respected this principle. He quoted as an instance its handling of the problem of the Muslims in the southern Philippines.

Mr Issoufou Seydou Djermakoye, Under-Secretary-General of the nited Nations, said that the concept of human rights had its roots in Islam. Islamic teachings concurred on this point with the precepts of the United Nations, as embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

He pointed out that the United Nations had been working since 1962 on the draft of an international convention on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief. Decisions would be made before long. No member of the United Nations could "claim that mistreatment of its citizens is solely its own business".

Mr A. K. Brohi, Minister for Religious Affairs of Pakistan, said that Islam was not "just one religion among others", it was "in some sense the totality of the religious experience of all mankind". This made it easy for Muslim societies to assimilate non-Muslims, but difficult for non-Muslim societies to assimilate Muslims.

The bold religiou had on a Muslim was "so all-pervading and far-reaching that there is hardly a facet of his life which is not touched by religion".

Westerners were more intolerant of Islam than of other religions, Mr Brohi said, because of "the preception on the part of the Western man that once he accepts Islam, however, luke-warmly, then his own religion would virtually be drowned in the widening sweep which Islam makes to embrace all the religions of the world."

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From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, July 24

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Paris Gestapo chief faces trial in Cologne

Cologne, July 24.—The Cologne public prosecutor has charged Kurt Lischka, Gestapo chief in Paris during the German occupation in the Second World War, with complicity in murdering at least 33,000 Jews who were deported to death camps.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said today that Herr Lischka, aged 68, would go on trial with two other former Gestapo members, Herbert Hagen and Ernst Heinrichsohn.

No date for the trial has been set, and the accused will remain at liberty until proceedings start; the spokesman said.

Herr Lischka, who lives in Cologne as a retired clerk, was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment by a French court in 1950 but he remained free because of a loophole in the law.

The West German constitution prevented the extradition of German subjects and West German courts were not allowed to retry war criminals convicted by Allied courts. In 1975 the West German parliament ratified a treaty with France permitting such retrials.—Reuter.

Communists will test government alliance

From Peter Nichols
Rome, July 24

The Italian Communist Party's central committee had tonight its first full meeting for a year. It heard Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the party leader, call for greater efforts at stimulating the Government into activity and justifying the broad parliamentary alliance which for the first time includes the Communists.

He spoke at a difficult moment. The Communists, who since March fully support the Christian Democratic administration, would like it to show more vigour. But they are also aware that the present Christian Democratic leadership is being challenged from within its own ranks, particularly from the right. At the same time the Socialists are restive and in no mood to follow a Communist lead.

This necessity of both criticism and care in not exposing the parliamentary alliance to new strains was clear in Signor Berlinguer's opening speech.

The alliance had reached the point at which its validity was bein gtested, and with it the Government, he said. As for the Communists, a confirmation of the alliance demanded the full and speedy application of the Government's programme. The Communist would press for this.

This would involve the party, within the alliance, in a clear action against obstructionism. Unanimity could not be expected on all questions, even if it was always necessary to strive for the broadest possible agreement. The reserves and dissent of some, however, could not be allowed to paralyse the majority and force the Government to give up the agreed aims of its programme.

In particular he saw the principal test of both the Government and the majority in the handling of the problems of the underdeveloped South. Steps had to be taken without delay to handle the situation where it was most critical and where tension was becoming explosive, beginning with Naples.

Dr Bourne's swift exit earns press plaudits

From David Cross
Washington, July 24

The swift departure from the White House of Dr Peter Bourne, Mr Carter's health and drug abuse adviser, has spared the President further immediate embarrassment. Indeed, a close scrutiny of today's leading American newspapers reveals only the occasional passing reference to last week's damaging controversy over the issuing of a prescription for a potent drug to a White House colleague.

The incident which received headline treatment in newspapers and on radio and television throughout the country for a couple of days, however, has undoubtedly reinforced the view of those critics who believe the White House is filled with inexperienced and inept amateurs.

Like the questionable banking career of Mr Bert Lance, another close friend of the President, who resigned from the Office of Management and Budget last year, the question that has been asked most around Washington since Dr Bourne's departure last Thursday is how Mr Carter can have chosen someone so naive for such a key post.

The Washington Post said in a leading article: "What Dr Bourne did represents a serious unaccountable lapse of judgment—at best. And there are enough questions raised and oddities unexplained in the formal accounts to suggest that something other than the 'best case' version is in store."

As is the custom in such cases, White House aides have gone to some lengths to explain that there was no pressure on Dr Bourne to resign and that the decision was entirely his.

Few people here believe that this was the case, however. Once *The Washington Post* had produced its latest scoop, few of the President's advisers can have recommended that Dr Bourne should remain in his post with the rest of the American media joining the fray.

The speed with which Dr Bourne disappeared from the White House has been welcomed generally. "The White House and Dr Bourne have done the right thing in arranging his departure and they have done so with appropriate dispatch", *The Washington Post* noted with some satisfaction.

This was in sharp contrast to the long, drawn-out "Lance affair", still remembered in Washington for the President's catchy phrase "I am proud of you, Bert", when he was still trying to salvage the already tarnished reputation of his friend and close adviser.

Mr Jody Powell, the President's spokesman and adviser, also appears to have learned from the mistakes of the Lance affair. Rather than reacting with sarcasm and belligerence to reporters' questions about the Bourne controversy, he has kept his patience and adopted what amounts to a "no comment" policy, interspersed with friendly asides.

This may be one reason why the controversy has proved so far to be a five-minute wonder. Even aggressive White House reporters became bored when confronted with stonewalling tactics from one of their main sources of information.

Soviet press picks on Carter aide

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, July 24

The Russians, having identified Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser, as the apostle of a new cold war, are assiduous in denouncing him and all his works.

A sharp commentary today in *Pravda*, the latest in what is almost a daily barrage, accused Dr Brzezinski of trying to align American foreign policy with his own theory of international conflicts. This theory, it said, was based on hostility to communism and confrontation with the Soviet Union.

"Détente naturally does not tally with Brzezinski's theory of international conflicts", it said. "Cold war would be preferable, as it would be more profitable for the United States."

Pravda conceded that Dr Brzezinski understood détente as a combination of rivalry and cooperation. His main emphasis, however, was still on rivalry, it said. This was shown in his policy papers.

Such a negative attitude was in sharp contrast with the official White House statement on the desirability of improving relations with the Soviet Union.

Tracing Dr Brzezinski's career back to his days as a lecturer at Columbia University, *Pravda* said he was continuing to profess his theory that international conflicts were natural. Not all American scholars and politicians agreed with him, however.

Dr Brzezinski was, therefore, all the more pleased to find people who shared his views in Peking. During his recent visit there, the commentary said, he praised the Chinese analysis of the international situation as "brilliant".

Pravda accused him of trying to gain unilateral advantage for the United States in the present round of talks on a new strategic arms limitation agreement and said he had always shown hostility to the 1972 agreement.

Theories of confrontation did great harm to the cause of détente, it added, and held no promise in the long run. "Washington strategists would be well advised to understand it", it said.

The American Administration as a whole has been castigated several times this weekend by various organs of the Soviet press.

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Students scale Berlin Wall in false uniforms

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, July 24

Three East Berlin medical students, one a woman, bluffed their way across the Berlin Wall to West Berlin wearing homemade uniforms that resembled those of border guards.

According to details reported today by a West Berlin human rights group, they used torch signals known only to insiders on the border to assure guards on a watchtower that everything was in order.

One of the three cut the chain on a door opening on to the so-called "death zone" at the wall. The car with the other two passed through and he then blocked the door with a new chain and lock. They drove up to the 14ft wall and climbed it.

When the alarm was given, the arriving East German border unit were delayed from entering the death zone because the door with its new lock would not open.

RAF Phantom crashes

Mönchengladbach, July 24.—The pilot and navigator of a Royal Air Force Phantom were killed and eight civilians were slightly injured on the ground when the aircraft crashed on the outskirts of Beverungen, a small town south of Höxter.

'Dany the Red' returns to political arena

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, July 24

M Daniel Cohn-Bendit, known as "Dany the Red" when he led the 1968 French student revolt, will contest the Hesse *Land* elections in October as a candidate for the ecological "green list".

The fiery, red-haired left winger was chosen as a candidate by the ecologists after a stormy debate at their election campaign meeting at Alsfeld, Hesse last night. Many ecologists are unhappy about collaborating with extreme leftists who sympathize with their cause.

His name was put up after "pure" ecologists and more left-leaning groups agreed with some difficulty to fight the elections together.

Britain ratifies terrorism pact

Strasbourg, July 24.—Britain today ratified a Council of Europe convention aimed at suppressing terrorism. It pledges signatory states to extradite people who have engaged in kidnapping, hijacking or the taking of hostages.

The convention comes into force for Austria, Sweden and West Germany on August 4, for Denmark on September 28, and for Britain on October 25.—Reuter.

Plea to admit political motive of Bretons' acts

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 24

The heavy sentences demanded on Friday by M Jacques Colette, the chief public prosecutor on the Breton autonomists on trial before the Court for State Security, provoked the surprise and indignation of counsel for the defence, whose turn it was to plead all day today. "A summing up of great inhumanity", exclaimed Maitre Léo Matarasso, a veteran of political trials. The 14 defendants were charged with 13 bomb attacks in two an da half years which had claimed no victims, he added.

Maitre Yves Lachaud, from Limoges, said: "One does not demand 20 years against defendants one treats with contempt as irresponsible youngsters. Those are penalties normally demanded against common criminals. But if one does, it is because they are purveyors of dangerous ideas. If that is so, it is not 10 or 20 years in jail that will stop them."

Three foreign counsel, Mr Yves Burnand, of the Lausanne Bar, Señor Juan-Maria Bandres, of San Sebastion, and Mr Georges-Henri Beauthier, of the Brussels Bar, all urged the court to view the case in the context of autonomist and regional movements throughout Western Europe.

Mr Bauthier said: "Does one put a safety valve on a boiler which is about to explode? Their bombs were necessary for you to turn to Breton problems. Their cause is just. They are terribly alone. That is not a reason why they are wrong. One must not respond to their outcry by the crack of a whip.

Señor Bandres said he had defended Basque separatists in the two Burgos trials of 1975. "These are not gangsters, but combatants for the freedom of their people. When a people decides to take its destiny into its own hands, nothing can stop it. The centralizing state is incapable of understanding the legitimate aspirations of peoples to freedom and the real causes of social unrest."

Mr Burnand said: "The progress of a people towards autonomy can be reconciled with the democratic process. But spectacular actions, as in the case of the Bretons, are almost inevitable. I am impressed by the accuseds' sincerity. I hope that in one year or 10 years, the autonomy of Brittany will be acknowledged by the democratic process."

Maitre Matarasso said: "If you are guided by the prosecution's demands, your verdict will be much more explosive than these Bretons' bombs. No one can think that it is in the interests of France to envenom things to that extent. If you did, it would be not a Breton tragedy but a French one."

Chilean junta dismisses Pinochet opponent

From Our Correspondent
Santiago, July 24

General Gustavo Leigh, the Chilean Air Force commander, was dismissed today from the military junta which overthrew President Allende in 1973. He was also compulsorily retired from the Air Force, as were the next seven most senior generals in the service.

President Pinochet, the Army chief, has thus removed his main critical opponent within the Government, replacing him in both posts by General Fernando Matthei, the Health Minister and ninth ranking Air Force officer.

A communiqué this morning, signed by General Pinochet, Admiral José Toribio Merino, Navy commander, and General Cesar Mendoza, the police chief, declared it was "absolutely impossible" for General Leigh to remain Air Force chief and member of the junta. It spoke of "his repeated failure to uphold the principles and postulates" which inspired the coup.

In a national broadcast this morning General Pinochet said General Leigh had been "gradually deviating" from the junta's principles and had made statements to the foreign press endangering national security.

The differences between General Leigh and President Pinochet in fact date from the overthrow and death of Allende. The Air Force chief had consistently opposed the Presidents' gradual concentration of all power in his hands and refused to allow criticism.

General Leigh later announced that he would appeal to the Courts of Justice against his dismissal, but would not take "any action of a military nature".

Lomé group gets tough with EEC

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, July 24

The 54 developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP), which are linked to the European Community under the Lomé Convention, today told the Community that they would unanimously oppose any attempt to include a "human rights clause" in a successor convention.

This was one of a number of important divergences of view, indicating many months of hard bargaining ahead, that emerged when the EEC opened formal negotiations here with the ACP countries on what should replace the Lomé Convention of February 1975, when it expires on March 1, 1980.

In an opening statement on behalf of the EEC, Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, emphasized that the aim of the negotiations should not be "sweeping change or renovation", but rather "adjustments and improvements" to the existing convention.

In a spirited reply, Mr P. J. Patterson, the Foreign Minister of Jamaica and ACP president, spoke of the "regrettable reluctance" of the EEC to take the steps necessary "to provide an effective basis for our continued cooperation in the 1980s".

The EEC, he said, appeared to regard the present convention as "an exemplary instrument".

"In our view, these negotiations cannot be regarded as a holding operation, limited to the mere rearrangement, adaptation or adjustment of the Lomé Convention", Mr Patterson declared. "There would be grave danger and little real benefit for anyone in such an approach."

In his statement, Herr Genscher emphasized the importance attached to human rights by the EEC, saying that the Community wanted the new convention "to make it even more clear that the ultimate purpose" of aid was "to serve people and help safeguard their dignity and rights as human beings to freedom from hunger and hardship".

Mr Patterson made clear that the ACP could not tolerate the inclusion in the new convention of provisions of this kind that might be used "to compromise the right of a sovereign state to conduct its own affairs in the way it judges appropriate".

Speaking afterwards to journalists, Mr Patterson said that the ACP were unanimously of the view that a human rights clause would be "an unnecessary feature" of a new convention, even as a reference in the preamble.

Mr Patterson also called for substantial improvements to the so-called Stabex fund which pays compensation to ACP countries for loss of earnings from the export of a range of commodities when receipts fall below an agreed level.

The ACP wanted more minerals included in the list of commodities covered (at present almost entirely agricultural), relaxation of the criteria for qualifying for aid, offsetting of export losses in real and not merely money terms, and less onerous repayment requirements.

Bomb damages Chamonix cable-car station

Chamonix, July 24.—A bomb exploded in a mountain cable-car station here early today and a previously unknown Savoy separatist organization claimed responsibility, police said.

The attack seriously damaged machinery at the Aiguille du Midi cable-car system, the highest in Europe. Responsibility was claimed by a group calling itself the Savoy Nationalist Front in a telephone call to journalists in Geneva.

Leaders of Savoy political groups reported they had never heard of the organization but police said they were taking the claim seriously.

The cable car, used by thousands of skiers and sightseers every year, will be out of action for at least a week.—Reuter.

Smoke shuts runways

Rome, July 24.—Two of the three runways of Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport were closed for one hour today after smoke from a nearby forest fire limited visibility.

Famagusta offer taken up

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, July 24

The Cyprus Government changed its mind today and announced conditional acceptance of last Friday's offer by Mr Rauf Dentash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for the return of 35,000 Greek Cypriot refugees to the Turkish-occupied port and tourist resort of Famagusta.

An official announcement said the refugees could start returning to their homes only if the Turkish troops withdrew.

The biggest surprise about the reversal was that it accepted the Turkish demand for the resumption of the deadlocked peace talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot sides. The Greek Cypriots have been refusing to talk since the Turkish Cypriots submitted their latest proposals last May, rejecting these as completely unacceptable and tantamount to suicide because, it was argued, they demanded the legalization of the de facto partition brought about by the Turkish invasion.

The Cyprus Government statement said: "The Greek Cypriot side will be immediately ready for negotiations with an open agenda, as soon as Famagusta is placed under United Nations control and the refugees start returning to their homes."

Bolivian opposition lea... gives secret interview

From Harvey Morris
Reuter Correspondent
La Paz, July 24

The leader of Bolivia's left-wing opposition has announced that his party will lead a campaign of non-violent resistance if President Juan Pereda Asbún, who took power in a coup on Friday, refuses to call immediate elections.

Dr Hernan Siles Zuazo, head of the Popular Democratic Union, issued the ultimatum in an interview with Reuter last night. It was his first statement since General Pereda was sworn in as President.

Dr Siles, who has been on the move constantly from one safe house to another since the coup, said his first task was to mobilize opposition parties, unions and student organizations in a united appeal for immediate elections.

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These accusations have been rejected by Western diplomats who have denied that any such written assurances were given and that the resolution on Walvis Bay was much more favourable to South Africa than an earlier one that the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) had wanted to see submitted to the United Nations. They pointed out that the resolution did not prejudice South Africa's legal position on Walvis Bay.

According to diplomatic sources, the controversial resolution declares that the territorial integrity of Namibia must be assured through the reintegration of Walvis Bay and that the Security Council will support the necessary steps to see that this is carried out.

Western diplomats seemed nonplussed by the strength of South Africa's reaction to the Walvis Bay resolution, which has been known about since the Luanda meeting earlier this month when Swapo finally agreed to accept the Western plan.

One of them said today: "I find it hard to believe that South Africa is prepared to jeopardize everything that has been achieved on Namibia just because of this."

Diplomats seemed divided about why South Africa should have reacted in such a way.



Men and women register as voters in a farm building near Windhoek, the Namibia capital.

Some felt Mr Botha, who has cancelled plans to attend the United Nations this week, was indulging in brinkmanship in an attempt to persuade the West to abstain from voting on the Walvis Bay resolution.

Others felt South Africa was using Walvis Bay as a way out of a scheme that could well lead to the establishment of a Swapo government in Windhoek next year.

The South African position must be viewed in the context of the hostility with which the Western plan has been regarded by an influential section of the South African Cabinet. Mr Botha managed to get Cabinet approval for the plan only on the specific understanding that it did not involve Walvis Bay. He now feels he has been let down by the West.

If there is a breakdown over Walvis Bay it would mean South Africa would have to go ahead with its own plan to grant Namibia independence by the end of this year without international support and in the teeth of sanctions.

Even if the Western plan survives the latest crisis it is most unlikely that the December 31 target date for independence will be met. Western diplomats are now saying that it is no longer realistic to think the various stages of the Western plan can be completed by the end of the year.

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Carter policy at stake in two Senate votes

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, July 24

Two crucial votes in the Senate this week are likely to determine the future policy of President Carter's Administration towards Rhodesia and black Africa, as well as Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

The two decisions, which are expected to be closely contested, will be taken as part of a $2,900m (£1,520m) International Security Assistance Bill, which is now going through Congress. Amendments attached to this leisglation will seek to lift the present embargo on arms sales to Turkey and economic sanctions against Rhodesia. Final votes on both measures are likely as early as tomorrow.

The most controversial, as far as Congress is concerned, is the President's suggestion that the three-year ban on deliveries of weapons to Ankara should be lifted. Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, told television interviewers yesterday, that the time had come "to turn a new page" in relations with Turkey.

Expressing cautious optimism that the Senate vote would go the Administration's way, he said that if the embargo were lifted he was sure this would lead to progress towards resolving the Cyprus dispute. "Relations between Turkey and ourselves have deteriorated, relations between Turkey and Greece have deteriorated and the situation in the southern flank of Nato has deteriorated, as well because of the embargo", he added.

This issue has always been difficult for successive American administrations to resolve, but President Carter's task has been complicated by suggestions from Capital Hill that the Turkish vote should be linked to other recent moves to have economic sanctions against Rhodesia lifted. Some senators have made it clear that they will vote for the lifting of the Turkish arms embargo only if their colleagues agree to also end Rhodesian sanctions.

The Administration, belatedly aware of this new development, has mounted a last minute campaign to persuade influential senators to vote against any such move. During his television interview yesterday, Mr Vance said that any linking of the two issues would have "a very damaging effect" on America's African policy.

The Administration believes that any move in Washington which might help Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and moderate black leaders will inevitably jeopardize Anglo-American efforts to arrange an all-party conference, including exiled guerrilla leaders. Mr Vance said yesterday it might also undermine recent progress towards the independence of Namibia.

Senator Jesse Helms, a Republican from North Carolina, leading the campaign to lift sanctions, believes he now has sufficient supporters to win the vote. Under his proposal sanctions would be lifted initially until the end of the year when the present interim political arrangements in Salisbury are due to expire.

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Last week a young black who described himself as a captured nationalist guerrilla told reporters that he believed a six-man assassination squad was in Salisbury.

Reuben Danga, aged 22, who appeared at a Department of Information press conference, said he was a member of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (Zipra), part of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance which has vowed to destroy the transitional Government.

Mr Danga said he was captured by security forces earlier last week and had crossed into Rhodesia from Zambia on June 1. "We came here to kill Chirau and Sithole and Chikerema and Muzorewa," he said. "I think six guerrillas are now inside Salisbury with guns".

Chief Jeremiah Chirau, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Bishop Abel Muzorewa are members of the Government's supreme executive council with Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister. Mr James Chikerema is Bishop Muzorewa's number two in the United African National Council.—Reuter.

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Abusing official facilities and in violation of election rules, the White Paper says, Mr Bhutto and his senior party colleagues used for electioneering not only government transport and other facilities but also Air Force aircraft and Army helicopters.

Mr Bhutto's so-called image-makers and publicity plans for his party on the eve of the election, according to the White Paper, drew heavily on government funds. For the party and Mr Bhutto's publicity, the Pakistan National Centre, the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation, Pakistan Television and the Associated Press of Pakistan were given additional government funds totalling 90m rupees (£47m).

While no evidence was available of either foreign funds or foreign support being available to the opposition during elections, as alleged by Mr Bhutto in his post-election speeches, the White Paper says the inquiry committee discovered large funds through known and unknown sources by Mr Bhutto's party and a diversion of massive Government allocations from secret and other official funds for election purposes.

In one month the party fund at one bank swelled from less than 900,000 rupees to 5.5m rupees. But most of this, the White Paper says, remained intact during elections.

One prominent banker is alleged to have secured funds for Mr Bhutto's election campaign from foreign sources amounting to 20m to 30m rupees, including a generous donation from a foreign head of state. In addition about 20m rupees are said to have been diverted to the party campaign from secret government funds.

The White Paper reproduces a model election plan said to have been drawn up by the former Prime Minister himself in which he indicated how well Government resources of men and material could be organized in each constituency to defeat the opposition.

The White Paper seems to confirm the report on loss of human lives and damage to property as given by the Attorney General of Mr Bhutto's government. He had said that during post-election agitation by the Opposition, arising from the rejection of the People's Party victory, 241 civilians were killed and 1,195 others injured.

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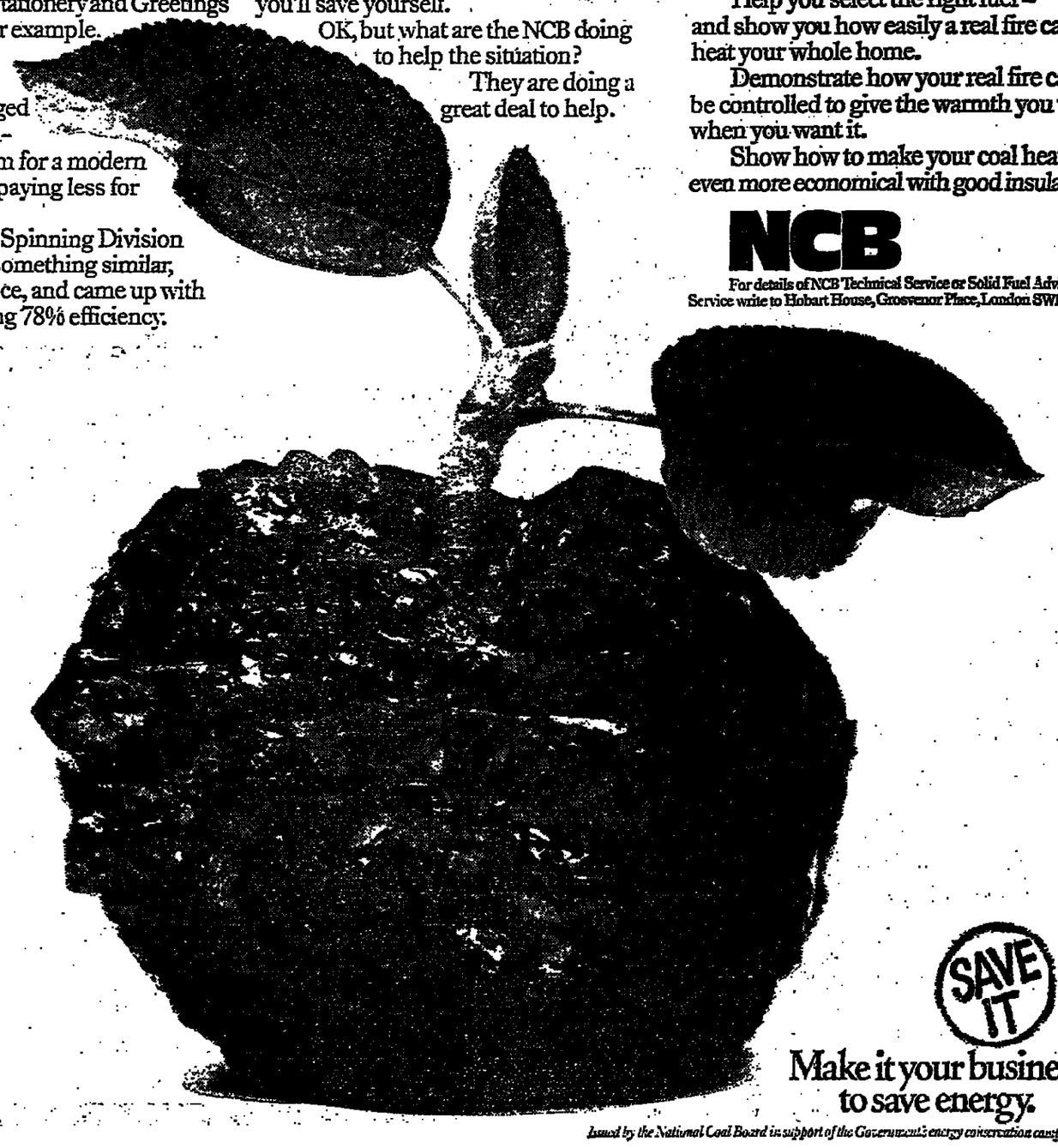
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OVERSEAS

Future of non-aligned movement hangs on Belgrade conference

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, July 24

How to keep the edifice of non-alignment together when military conflicts and political strife are tearing it apart is the problem facing 86 non-aligned countries whose ministers begin their conference here tomorrow.

They will be searching for a common language and paving the way to the summit meeting due in Havana in a year's time.

It is clearly going to be a bumpy road and the meeting in Belgrade is full of uncertainty.

The movement has never been as divided as now, not only because of conflicts between countries and regions, such as the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, South-East Asia and Sahara, but also in defining non-alignment.

Some are more non-aligned than others and there are even doubts as to whether some countries are non-aligned at all.

Cuba, for example, whose 28-member delegation is led by Vice-President Carlos Rodriguez, is one of these as is Vietnam. Both countries are close to the Soviet Union and both are expected to be singled out during the debate for special attack.

Somalia, which is engaged in a border fight with Ethiopia has publicly challenged Cuba's non-alignment. Its foreign minister has spoken to Khartum recently of armed aggression by combined Russian and Cuban forces and said point-blank that Cuba was not worthy to remain within the movement as its alliance ran contrary to the movement's objectives.

President Tito's personal authority will play an important part as a moderator. He returned from his holiday on Saturday to receive President Boumedienne of Algeria who stopped in Belgrade on his way back from the Organization of African Unity meeting in Khartum. Algiers is expected to raise the question of the Western Sahara where its support for the Polisario guerrillas is bound to provoke strong reaction by two other non-aligned countries, Morocco and Mauritania.

Egypt's peace initiative, the secessionist war by the Eritreans in Ethiopia, French military intervention in Zaire, the skirmishes between Cambodia and Vietnam—all of these conflicts lie behind the non-aligned world's front of unity.

For the Yugoslavs, keeping the movement together is of vital importance. Non-alignment is the cornerstone of Yugoslavia's strategy enabling it to keep a balance between the big powers.

The Cubans have been pushing the line that the Soviet Union and the socialist block are natural allies of non-alignment and that any neutralization would play into imperialist hands. Challenging this, the Yugoslavs say that the Soviet Union is no more a natural ally than the United States is a natural foe.

3 Britons acquitted of Hongkong police bribes

Hongkong, July 24.—Three British Superintendents and 13 Chinese officers of the Hongkong police force were today acquitted of charges of conspiring to accept bribes, after a trial which lasted more than three months.

However, Judge Silke sentenced a Chinese police sergeant to 12 months' jail after finding him guilty of two charges of conspiracy, and a retired Chinese constable to 18 months' jail on one conspiracy charge.

The three expatriate officers acquitted were Norman Humphreys from Canterbury, Kent, Marcus Pelly, Londonderry-born, and David Edwards from Stockport, Cheshire.

All the defendants had pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to accept bribes and acting contrary to their public duties as police officers between 1970 and 1976 while working at the Mongkok police station in one of Hongkong's most crowded districts.

The trial began on April 17 with 35 defendants, but a Chinese sergeant collapsed in court of a heart attack on the opening day and the prosecution did not continue proceedings against him. Later in the trail, 16 defendants were acquitted after six Crown witnesses had refused to give evidence.

During the hearing, the defence had submitted there was no evidence worth considering of the existence of a corrupt syndicate in the Mongkok police division.—Reuter.

Social Focus

What is lead in petrol doing to us?

The Government is not telling us the whole truth about the danger to our children's health caused by lead in petrol. Assurances in the carefully-worded statements of the Department of the Environment, and the avoidance of serious questions, make the department look complacent and raise doubts about the quality of advice that ministers receive on this matter.

Although lead pollution is a complex, and now emotive, subject, the present argument is simple enough. On one side are scientists who say that even minute quantities of lead in the blood cause brain-damage in children; and that petrol-lead adds significantly to lead pollution. Anti-lead campaigners want lead removed from petrol, or substantially reduced, as it has been in the United States, West Germany and Japan—with a resulting dramatic cleaning of the atmosphere.

On the other side is the Government which says that the assertion that lead pollution damages brains is not proven. On this side of the argument, too, are the rich and powerful petrol and petrol-lead industries.

In view of the evidence available, the Government and the companies look not only complacent, but, increasingly, cynical. The Government says "there is no evidence of any health hazard attributable to lead in exhaust fumes". Only last week Mr Denis Howell, Minister of State at the DoE, wrote a soothing Commons answer stating there was no proof that petrol-lead causes brain damage.

But, even if Mr Howell does not know, his advisers certainly know of the growing evidence indicating that the Government has no right to be so confident.

Lead interferes in a subtle way with the development of the central nervous system. The first alarm was sounded in 1943 by two American researchers who had followed the progress of 20 lead-poisoned children over 10 years and found 19 of them had emotional and educational abnormalities. Recent research in several countries shows a connexion between blood lead levels and impaired mental performance. Affected children have poor learning ability, are unstable, hyperactive, unable to concentrate.

New studies at Harvard Medical School and the Downstate Medical Centre, Brooklyn, have clearly established the link between even low levels of lead, previously thought harmless, and mental impairment.

Researchers now await with interest the results of a study conducted by Dr Gerhard Winneke, of the Institut fur Lufthygiene in Düsseldorf. He has been examining children with blood lead levels much lower than in any previous research, levels that in some circles would be considered safe.

He told me that in almost all tests of mental efficiency the children at the lower range of his scale were superior to those who had the higher level of lead. "We have shown that at these very low levels there is brain damage to animals, but humans are not so easy to measure. At low levels the results were not clear cut, but the strong suspicion remains that even tiny amounts have an influence. So we will do further work."

Dr Winneke will publish his study in October. Interestingly, the highest level of lead in the range he examined was less than the mean level of lead found by a DoE study in children living near the motorway complex in Birmingham. This study concluded there was no cause for concern. But Dr Robert Stephens, of Birmingham University Chemistry Department, who took part in the study, upset the DoE's composure by dissenting, saying that a fifth of the under-13s in the city's inner areas have probably had a lead-induced disturbance of the central nervous system.

Although our Government says that petrol-lead contributes only a small proportion of lead absorbed into our bodies (the main sources being food and drink), a number of researchers reckon that petrol-lead accounts for a third of the lead entering city dwellers' bodies.

In the United States, where unleaded petrol is now available, the Department of Health reported last year that "the impact of excessive lead exposure to children aged one to five can and does have serious and largely irreversible effects on development of the central nervous system, varying from severe brain damage to relatively mild neurological disability and hyperactivity". The United States National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says that lead in exhaust fumes makes "an important contribution" to lead absorbed by people.

And the Environmental Protection Agency said in 1973 that lead emissions from cars presented a significant risk of harm to the health of urban people, particularly children. The following year the British Government presented a report saying there was no evidence that the level of lead pollution was hazardous.

The Government seems to be basing some of its assurance on a study published in *The Lancet* in 1974. This concluded there was no relationship between blood lead level and any measure of mental functioning, no evidence of a link between disturbed children and higher blood lead levels.

But something was omitted from that report. This was a finding that the mean blood level for hyperactive children was higher than in non-hyperactives. Although the difference was said to be "nearly, but not quite, statistically significant" it should have been enough at least to add some reservations to the confident conclusion. The DoE knows about this omission.

Although the Government thinks that petrol lead is not hazardous at present, it nevertheless falls in with the view that the level of lead in petrol should be decreased. Thus, last week, Mr Howell announced that the Government was committed to a reduction in lead content. A level of 0.84 grams per litre in 1972 would decrease to 0.40 in 1981. This is slightly misleading because the impression is given that the amount of lead is being halved. In fact, the average in 1972 was 0.55 grams; and because petrol sales have increased, the amount of lead getting into the atmosphere from exhausts is greater, not less.

The petrol-lead argument also has an important financial aspect. The Government says that a decrease from 0.55 grams per litre to 0.45 grams would cost a minimum of £90m on our balance of payments in the period 1976-80, because less lead in petrol means higher crude oil importation.

When the Americans looked at this problem they estimated that the cost of switching to unleaded petrol would be one tenth of one cent per gallon. Our Government has talked in terms of one or two pence per gallon. The United States Environmental Protection Agency said there would be no significant increase in the import of oil.

While it talks of the high cost of reducing the lead content, the government does not mention that the production of lead additives is enormously expensive and needs a lot of energy.

The impression is sometimes given that tetraethyl lead, the anti-knock agent in modern high compression engines, is good for engines. The reverse is true. Engines last longer and there is a longer time between oil changes when unleaded fuel is used (thus reducing oil consumption). The Civil Aviation Authority's notice No. 72 gives an interesting account, and warning, of the deleterious effects of leaded petrol.

The Government, through Mr Howell, says that research has not established cause and effect between petrol-lead and brain damage. This is a get-out phrase: research cannot establish cause and effect any more than it could establish cause and effect between cigarette smoking and cancer; it is the link that is established.

Certainly more research needs to be done, and Mr Howell has just commissioned three more studies which may give him more information. In the meantime, in view of the disturbing evidence already produced, one wonders why Mr Howell and his advisers can be so smoothly assuring.

Trevor Fishlock

Mao thoughts the driving force behind basic care for the health of 800 million people

Chinese medicine without frills

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent recently in China

China's health services, which provide cheap and effective care for more than 800 million people, have much to teach emergent nations and offer some lessons for Western visitors.

As with everything in the republic, they rely heavily for their driving force on the thoughts and principles of Chairman Mao. In practice, this means basic services with no frills, rooted deeply among the people. Chinese doctors, nurses and technicians live and work in far closer daily contact with the people than anywhere else in the world.

Western medicine is dovetailed neatly into Chinese traditional medicine, which with its thousands of years of history should not be confused with folk medicine. It is often preferred by patient and doctor.

The system works better than programmes in most other developing countries, because it has been built up from the bottom. Emergent countries have often begun by building air-conditioned show-piece hospitals, usually in or near a capital, while elementary medical aid for the mass of the population is lacking.

The main props of the Chinese services are the barefoot doctors, who are neither barefoot nor doctors. Perhaps housewives, or people who have shown a bent towards health care, they are given three to six months instruction before returning to their commune, factory, urban unit or school. Their main task is prevention: they are the leaders in teaching hygiene, cleanliness in food preparation, the folly of smoking and the benefits of exercise. They immunize the children against infectious diseases (still considered a threat in China) and advise on the contraceptive programme which aims to limit a family to two children.

Although they diagnose and treat only minor illnesses, and usually rely on traditional medicines, an examination of their "black bag" of drugs and equipment discovers not only a variety of herbal medicines, acupuncture needles, bamboo cupping vessels and moxibustion sticks, but penicillin, barbiturates and other Western drugs lying with hypodermic syringes, stethoscope and first aid requisites.

A leading adviser on health to the Government in Peking said that the aim now is to turn more and more barefoot doctors into "doctors with shoes" by widening their role as medical workers of first contact with most patients.

The second strength of the system lies in the "small is beautiful" concept. Every commune or urban unit, every factory with over 2,000 workers and every school not only has its barefoot doctors in the production teams but its own clinic or small hospital headed by one or more graduate doctors, trained usually in both traditional and Western medicine.

Above these hospitals are district hospitals and at the top the hospitals with 15 to 20 departments, including training schools for medical students and nurses and research units.

A typical commune or factory hospital will be equipped with an X-ray machine, an electrocardiograph machine, possibly an ukrasonic scanner, an operating room, acupuncture rooms, a pharmacy with herbal medicines and Western drugs (the last manufactured mostly in China) and wards for about 20 cases. Patients pay but charges are extremely low.

A third strength lies in the belief that medicine must serve the people, gong-nong-bing, "workers, peasants and soldiers". Coupled with this is that 80 per cent of the population are peasants, a tough, resilient people, whose expectations and demands are low by Western standards; and an understanding that with all the problems of the health care of a huge population from Tibet to the Yellow Sea, any help or facility is better than none.

Communal heating: to share or not to share

You might think no one would object to a system of charging for heat according to the amount used. The principle is not questioned when we pay our individual gas and electricity bills.

Yet in some of the few British housing estates that have communal heating systems, tenants' associations are determinedly campaigning to get rid of heat meters, which are supposed to divide the heating bills equitably among the individual consumers.

The reason, according to research carried out for the National Consumer Council recently, is that the heat meters at present available are more than three times less accurate than other meters are required to be by law. The most accurate heat meter available at present has an error of up to 16 per cent either way in normal use.

Even these barely satisfactory standards can only be attained with meters that cost about £180 each to buy and install, and which require frequent maintenance.

With less expensive metering systems the readings can be even more inaccurate. Some of the 29,000 households with metered communal heating are being overcharged by as much as £50 a year. Others are being undercharged by similar amounts, and no one can be certain which are which.

The systematic errors in the most commonly used meters, for instance, mean that in certain circumstances—when windows are opened to cool a room down, for example—the meter readings would be inversely proportional to the rate at which heat was being used, the exact opposite of what was intended.

Similarly consumers who seek to be economical by turning the heat off while they are away from home can end up paying 30 per cent more even though they are using ten per cent less heat.

There is concern that in many cases high heating bills lead consumers to cut their heating standards to such an extent that their homes begin to suffer condensation problems, and the family to suffer in health.

By the time heat transfers between adjoining flats are taken into account, and the difference between exposed dwellings at the sides of buildings and the sheltered ones in the middle, it seems that a flat rate system may apportion costs for similar standards of warmth more fairly than any metering system yet used in Britain.

Three heat metering systems have been investigated by the Commission for Local Administration ("local ombudsman") following complaints by tenants' associations. In both the investigations which have been completed (Hillingdon and Sunderland) maladministration was found. In both cases there was also criticism of the metering company, Clorius Meters Ltd.

While some local councils have given up trying to meter heating charges in communal systems, others have become disenchanted with district heating as such, and the administrative difficulties the schemes bring. It is a sad end to the idea that communal heating would mean warmer homes at less cost, both in cash and in energy.

Robin Young

Heat metering. *National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1. 50p, including postage.*

Another route to the transport solution

When he drives on a motorway the average motorist sees that traffic flows freely, and driving is easy. At home, by contrast, cars and lorries trundle past his house and when he drives to the shops he sees congestion and delay. He may wonder why John Tyme and all those other environmentalists complain about road building instead of about traffic. Let us, therefore, consider some of the reasons.

In the immediate post-war era it was generally assumed that new roads would form a major part of building a "new Britain". When, however, in 1949 the Government announced its first programme to build 1,000 miles of motorway no serious thought was given to the consequences. It was not until 1963 that even an elementary form of economic evaluation was introduced and in February 1978 the report of the Leitch Committee showed that there was still no system for assessing the impact of a proposed road on the environment. Even engineering design standards have not been properly established, as is demonstrated by the poor condition of many new roads soon after they have been completed.

Since 1963 £6,700m has been spent on motorways and trunk roads but there has been no official investigation into what this huge investment has achieved—there has not even been a before-and-after study of any particular project to find out what its effects have been on the economy or the environment of the area concerned.

The first major political attempt to justify the motorway programme was made by Mr Peter Walker when he was Secretary of State for the Environment in 1971. He claimed that new roads "would provide economic growth". The Leitch Report (paras 20.18 and 20.19) commented on this claim:

Despite the strength of assertions about these effects, little actual evidence has been presented to us. . . . What evidence there is suggests that the case for the restructuring effects of trunk road construction on economic growth in developed countries such as Britain is weak and at best not proven.

Mr Walker also claimed that new roads would "achieve environmental improvement by diverting heavy lorries from towns and villages". These benefits have been equally illusory. Some people have gained from such diversions, but more are now suffering nuisance from heavy lorries than in 1971.

Not only has the motorway programme failed to achieve its stated objectives, the huge, concentrated effort on building large scale roads has led to three serious consequences. Our environment has been eroded, much-needed local by-passes have not been built and public transport has declined. According to the Government's latest National Travel Survey, 68 per cent of the population of high density areas like Inner London live in households without a car: for them the road-orientated policies of the past 20 years have led not only to a worsening of their environment but also to a loss of personal mobility.

The House of Commons expenditure committee in 1973 drew attention to the danger of investing in roads at the expense of public transport. Unfortunately little notice was taken and successive governments have failed to control runaway road expenditure. In the 1959 Highways Act, Parliament voted blanket powers to the Minister of Transport to build trunk roads, and thereafter voted the money—without any knowledge of how it would be used. The only democratic check has in fact been the local public inquiry because only here can the citizen challenge government policy. The department has tried persistently to restrict such inquiries: it has shortened the time for objectors to study proposals, withheld information, and appointed inspectors who cannot be seen to be fair. Far too often the department has appeared both judge and jury in its own case.

The Government has sought to put matters right at local level by accepting the Leitch Committee's recommendation that inquiry inspectors should be independent. But it still seems necessary for Parliament to reassert its control over national transport policy, perhaps through a select committee.

All major road proposals need to be publicly examined and compared with alternative forms of investment (no one would guess from recent public discussion that our present rate of expenditure on public transport is much lower than that of our European neighbours).

Better use needs to be made of the roads that already exist by ensuring that vehicles are designed to fit the roads (not vice versa), and by giving priority in urban areas to the public service and delivery vehicles which are the life-blood of any city.

The trend towards large centralized facilities such as schools, shops, hospitals and surgeries, needs to be reversed. The Government should encourage the revitalization of local activities which are within easy reach of those without cars, which reduce everyone's travelling time, and which do not generate the traffic which destroys the home environment of motorist and non-motorist alike. In the words of the 1977 White Paper "we should aim to reduce our absolute dependence on transport".

Harley Sherlock and Tony Howell

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Taiwan declares elimination of extreme poverty

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, July 24

By Asian standards, extreme poverty will be eliminated from Taiwan by October 25—the thirty-fourth anniversary of Taiwan's restoration as a province of the Republic of China and the end of half a century of Japanese occupation.

After that date, the Government will increase its assistance to "low-income people" under the expanding social-security programme. Any individual, whose average monthly income is less than 700 Taiwan dollars (about £9.50) or any family whose average income a head is below that level will receive an immediate grant to reach that figure.

The Government will also grant loans to poor people who wish to start their own businesses. Local vocational training programmes are already operating in all areas in Taiwan for young people who wish to increase their income.

Leaflets detailing the "elimination of poverty" will be distributed throughout mainland China by the regular dispatch of balloons carrying consumer goods and propaganda from Taiwan.

Peking aims to send 2,000 students a year to Britain

Peking, July 24.—China, which wanted to send large numbers of students to Britain, could be thinking in terms of up to 2,000 a year, Mrs Shirley Williams the Minister of Education and Science, said today. But the numbers would have to rise in stages.

Mrs Williams said that the two countries had reached in principle their first scientific and technological agreement which included exchanges of students. Details would be completed at ambassadorial level. She hoped the agreement would be ready for signing in a few weeks.

Mrs Williams arrived in Peking on Saturday but leaves tonight for London to take part in a vote in Parliament before returning to China at the end of the week.

She said that the agreement was separate from a tentative accord reached last week between the Royal Society and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Dr Michael Stoker, the Royal Society's foreign secretary and vice-president said in Peking yesterday that this covered post-graduate science students and senior workers going to Britain for advanced research work.

Mrs Williams held two days of talks with Mr Liu Hsi-yao, Minister of Education, the Academy of Sciences and the State Scientific and Technological Commission. She said that officials had suggested a "very substantial expansion" of the numbers of students going to Britain. They were thinking of 1,000 to 2,000 a year.

Britain would take as many as possible but the intake might have to be staged, she said.

One problem was that the number of young Britons entering university would increase in the next three or four years. After that an increasing number of overseas students could be admitted.

The proposed agreement also envisaged exchanges of information and delegations. British help in devising methods to teach English-language instructors and advice on scientific and education equipment, such as audio-visual aids and text books.

It would also enable a small number of British scholars in subjects such as Chinese language and history to come to China.—Reuter.

Hungary again raises drink prices

From Sue Masterman
Vienna, July 24

Hungary has taken measures against heavy drinking for the second time this year. Prices for spirits on sale in the shops have been raised by 25 per cent, and bars may no longer serve spirits after 9 pm.

Alcoholic consumption in Hungary is of the equivalent of more than eight litres of pure spirit a head a year, the highest in the world next to Czechoslovakia.

The measures taken earlier this year, which have apparently failed to produce the desired effect, included a strict limitation on shops allowed to sell alcoholic drinks, a ban on the sale of alcohol within 200 yards of a large firm or factory, and a ban on serving spirits before 9 am.

In Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, the countries I have visited this year, drink is a prominent social problem. In Poland, where according to 1976 statistics the equivalent of 5.4 litres of pure spirit a head is drunk in a year, plus 34.9 litres of beer, there were drunks on the streets. No one took much notice of them. My guide shrugged them off as a fact of life.

In Czechoslovakia, which tops the list with the 1974 statistics indicating a consumption of the equivalent of 8.8 litres of pure spirit a head and of 143 litres of beer, the drunkenness was not so immediately obvious. None of these figures for all three countries includes wine consumption.

It takes time to realize that what at first seemed to be a national mouthwash and was breathed over every shop counter or hotel desk, permeating every public meeting place, was the smell of drink. On closer observation, many of the working population were permanently under the influence of drink.

In Hungary the situation is now similar. Each friendly greeting is packaged in an invisible cloud of spirit or wine.

The East Europeans can afford to spend a relatively large proportion of their earnings on drink, as this is one of the few home-made products in plentiful supply. Foreign-brewed spirits, however, are so difficult to obtain that there is a shop in Prague which sells only empty foreign spirit bottles.

The Poles have the most limited choice of consumer goods, the Hungarians the best. The Hungarians, however, earn enough to be able to buy both. In Czechoslovakia, the level of alcohol consumption, probably under the influence of better wages and more consumer goods available, appears to be levelling out.

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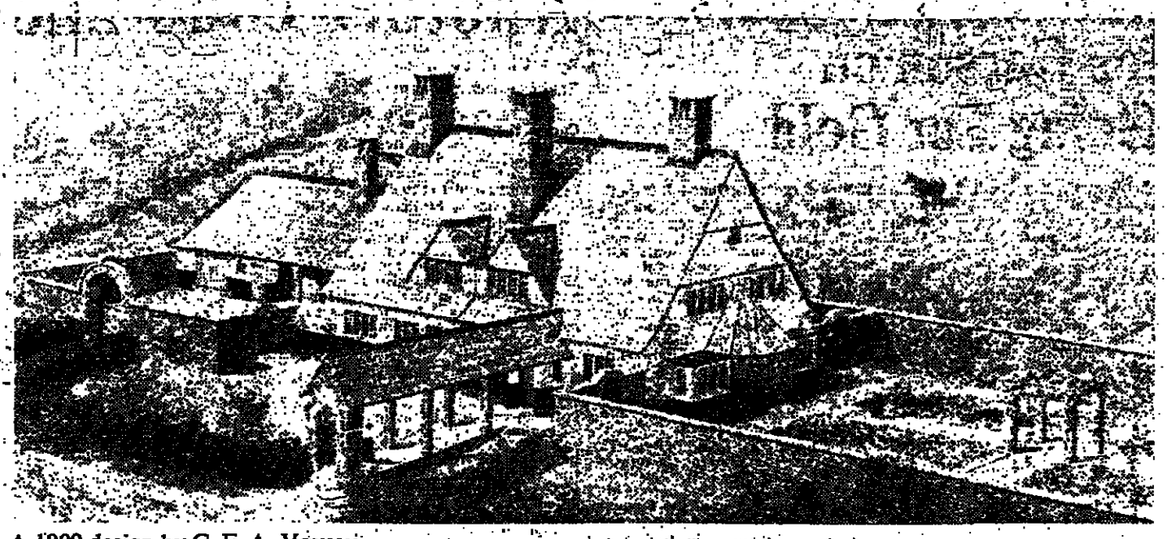
London, as has often been observed, grew up as, and to a large extent still remains, a collection of villages. The enormous expansion of the nineteenth century absorbed yet further rings of encircling villages and created new ones which centred, not like traditional villages on the church, but on the suburban railway station and later the tube station.

Wren had tried, but had not succeeded, in imposing a classical plan upon the City after the Great Fire. It was not until the middle of Victoria's reign that there were again concerted attempts to give London the grandiose face of a great imperial capital. But London did not have the unified and centralized administration which enabled Louis Napoleon, through his ruthless Préfet du Seine, Baron Haussmann, to smash strategic boulevards through the medieval street pattern of Paris.

Nevertheless, in the later years of the nineteenth century London began to acquire some of the architectural trappings of a great capital city. The surplus left over from the Great Exhibition provided funds for a huge cultural complex in South Kensington, stretching from the Albert Hall, at Kensington Gore, to the South Kensington museums along Cromwell Road.

At the bottom of Whitehall, close to the rebuilt Palace of Westminster, Palmerston commissioned the building of the Government offices between Downing Street and Parliament Square. The story of the competition for the Foreign Office is well known. George Gilbert Scott won third prize for a Gothic design in 1856. After much controversy and the fall of the Palmerston government, Scott was appointed to produce a revised design in 1858. In 1859 Palmerston returned to power and insisted on a classical building. Scott came up with a "Byzantine" design which was rejected. Rather than lose the job he produced the "Italianate" design which was approved in 1861. It is a crushingly brutal building, but undoubtedly expressed the gunboat diplomacy of Palmerston's government more effectively than Scott's much more sympathetic and attractive Gothic designs.

The story that Scott re-used his rejected Foreign Office designs for the Midland Hotel, St Pancras Station, is apocryphal, although there is a strong resemblance between them. Along with Glasgow University, the Midland Hotel is Scott's masterpiece. Both buildings provide quite unforgettable spectacles: St Pancras seen from the top of Pentonville Road (the top front seat of a bus is the best viewpoint) and Glasgow University seen from Kelvingrove Park. (Both look best against the skies of late afternoon or early evening.) The conjunction of Scott's Gothic hotel and Barlow's great train shed at St Pancras beautifully symbolize the contradictions of the Victorian era: the revival of past styles juxtaposed with daring feats of engineering.



A 1909 design by C. F. A. Voysey

Scott's small but powerfully symbolic contribution to the Kensington cultural complex was the Albert Memorial, once so derided. R. G. Collingwood wrote in his autobiography, published in 1944: "Everything about it was visibly misshapen, corrupt, crawling verminous. . . ." Now it is possible to look at it differently. In his essay in the catalogue to the small but fascinating exhibition devoted to Scott's work at the V and A (until September 10) David Cole describes it as "magnificent, perverse, unique". And so it is.

Scott made his reputation with his church designs—over 200 of them, all for the Established Church in England and Scotland. With his early partner Moffatt he won a competition in 1844 for the huge St Nikolaikirche in Hamburg, built between 1846 and 1882 and destroyed during the last war. (Scott also won the competition for the design of the Rathaus in Hamburg, but this was never built. He used the basis of this design, which was based on the Cloth Hall at Ypres, for later buildings like the Midland Hotel.) Scott's finest churches, like St George's, Doncaster, and St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh, are among the finest of all Victorian church buildings.

Scott's restorations of medieval churches and cathedrals have often been reviled from William Morris on. But, as S. E. Dykes Bower points out in the catalogue, many of these buildings which had been totally neglected during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries would have collapsed had Scott not restored them, often using ingenious structural solutions. His feeling for the Gothic was more sensitive and sympathetic than that of many other restorers. He worked on Westminster Abbey and 24 cathedrals in England and Wales, and numerous smaller churches. Had Scott not restored these much of the medieval heritage would have been lost.

The creation of an imperial image for the capital of the British Empire accelerated enormously in the last years of Victoria's reign and during that of Edward the Seventh. An exhibition at the RIBA's Heinz Gallery (until Saturday) sets out to show the achievements of this era as pointers to possible ways of escaping from the sterile barrenness of most present-day public and commercial architecture. In the catalogue (a double issue of *Architectural Design*) Gavin Stamp makes contentious and extravagant claims for Edwardian architecture. Yet it is difficult not to feel that in general there was a decline into lumpish eclecticism in the majority of the most public of the buildings designed in this era compared with those of the Victorian age.

Kingsway is surely the nastiest major street in any European capital, and Aston Webb's Admiralty Arch is both mean and crushing at the same time. To build it, incidentally, it was necessary to sweep away most of Spring Gardens, a narrow winding street of eighteenth-century houses in which Gilbert Scott had set up his practice at No. 20 in 1838. The decline can clearly be seen by comparing Norman Shaw's earlier Victorian domestic building with his grandiose later works of the Edwardian era, the Piccadilly Hotel and the Regent Street which replaced Nash's elegant design.

At its worst Edwardian public architecture expressed the development of a tentacular bureaucracy—seen at its nadir in the appalling County Hall for the LCC designed by Ralph Knott. Smaller buildings designed for the LCC, like the Fire Station in Euston Road, are much more human and attractive and some of the municipal buildings designed for local councils are undeniably impressive, particularly the richly ornamented Deptford Town Hall by Lanchester, Stewart and Rickards, although its grandeur is slightly obscene in such a desperately poor borough. Most of the more original buildings, like Townsend's Whitechapel Art Gallery and Horniman Free Museum, and Smith and Brewer's Mary Ward House in Tavistock Place, were designed in the last years of Victoria's reign, or in the first years of the twentieth century by foreign designers, like the Michelin building in Fulham Road by F. Espinasse and National Employers House (originally Holland House) by the Dutch architect H. K. Berlage.

C. F. A. Voysey's factory for Sandersons (now Voysey House) in Chiswick comes in for praise by Stamp, although not his middle-class houses, of which he writes that "like those of the International Style", they "look as if they have been lowered from the sky", and exhibit "no attempt to belong to the locality which Arts and Crafts morality demanded". An exhibition of Voysey's work can be seen at the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery until September 3. Voysey's designs for fabrics and wallpapers were at first greenery-yallery, later nursery-naive. His furniture was much simpler, although beautifully constructed, and rivals that of Mackintosh. His earlier houses, like that at Chiswick, were the more original, which with their long strips of window and homogenous white surfaces anticipate the International Style which Voysey, who lived until 1941, detested. His later houses were the models for countless speculatively built semi-detached in the Twenties and Thirties: a curious double lineage. His drawings, beautifully and tastefully finished in watercolour like that for the house designed in 1895 for his clergyman father in Platt's Lane, Hampstead (Scott's father was also a clergyman), set the style for many an estate agent's brochure in the years between the wars.

After it leaves Brighton the Voysey exhibition will, appropriately, be shown in Darmstadt and Glasgow, and also in Wolverhampton.

A book has been published to accompany the exhibition: *C. F. A. Voysey: Architect and Designer 1857-1941*, by John Brandon-Jones and others (Lund Humphries, £4).

Paul Overy

The Rake's Progress
Glyndebourne

Paul Griffiths

Happy Glyndebourne has two sets of fresh, inventive designs by David Hockney in its repertory. To the new *Magic Flute* revealed earlier this season, the company has added a revival of *The Rake's Progress*, which marked Mr Hockney's operatic debut three years ago. It is still a delight for the eye, with its naive crystallization of Hogarthian vigour, its picture-book use of cross-hatching and vivid white.

But the production is also, and more importantly, a delight for the ear. The cast is virtually the same as that which brought the opera back to Glyndebourne last year, and again Bernard Haitink conducts.

There has, therefore, been no need for the production to be run in so that it may gain strength; it is already, right from the first, truly in focus. And that applies most particularly to the orchestral playing.

Stravinsky's score for the opera is one of his most openly crafted and precisely formed: it resists "interpretation" but it does demand perfection in the gauging of musical quantities.

Its colours have to be rendered with their proper cool purity, and its rhythms must have the right measure of brittle wit and almost mechanical inevitability. Mr Haitink understands all that. He makes the opera a piece of real Stravinskian elegance and excitement, not merely a Mozart pastiche.

In only one respect is the performance still slightly suspect, and that concerns the singing of Leo Goeke as the rake himself, Tom Rakewell. The first half of the opera finds Mr Goeke giving an excellent portrayal of Tom's open-hearted charm and optimism, yet in doing so he too often allows himself to raise his voice to a toneless bawl.

In the second half, by contrast, he produces a ravishing sound, sweet and liquid, but but now he becomes a touch insecure in his intonation, particularly in the card game scene where he fights for his soul with Nick Shadow. This is a performance which will surely regain its former glory on future evenings.

As the diabolical servant, Shadow, Samuel Ramey is immediately in superb form. His stark, black tone sounds as if it is projected from beyond the grave, and his presence is always faintly disturbing, cynical and malevolent, without stepping outside the formal boundaries of this spikily stylized opera.

On the opposing side of light, Felicity Lott is a very fetching Anne Trulove. Technically splendid, she produces a flow of brilliant and accurate singing; Her big scena in the first act, done as purified Verdi, is a triumph of intelligent musicianship. Moreover, like all the principal singers, she benefits from the poised imagination of John Cox's production.

There are just two new members of the cast. John Michael Flanagan is effectively sober as Anne's father, and Katherine Pring brings Baba to ebullient life, though her heavy accent sometimes makes it difficult for her to make a nice sound or sing her words intelligently. Any blemishes I have mentioned, however, can scarcely spoil what is a stimulating, enjoyable and pointed evening.

London week of music from Armenia

The music of more than 20 Armenian composers, including Khachaturian, Hovhaness and Tjekuavorian, will be featured in Music Armenia 78, which begins in London on August 6.

Performers, scholars and composers from the United States, the Middle East and Soviet Armenia will be taking part in the week-long event. There will be lectures and lunchtime concerts at the City University, evening concerts at St John's, Smith Square, and Sunday events at St Peter's Armenian Church in Cranley Gardens, SW7.

Among the concerts will be a programme of folk songs performed by Cathy Berberian, medieval Armenian chants by the Ambrosian Singers, a Khachaturian recital from Carl Pini and Allan Schiller, and performances by such artists as the Chilingirian String Quartet, Clifford Curzon, David Wilde and Manoug Parikian.

Prom change

Norman Del Mar will conduct the Northern Sinfonia at the BBC Promenade Concert in the Albert Hall on Friday because the scheduled conductor, Rudolf Schwarz, is indisposed.

Paul Sanasardo on Israeli ballet

It is partly thanks to the Royal Ballet that Paul Sanasardo is in London as director of the Batsheva Dance Company, which opened its first season here at the Festival Hall on Sunday. He told me "The company had been three years without a real director, just caretakers. They had spoken to me, they had spoken to Norman Morrice. Norman was about to join them when he had the request from Covent Garden.

"Then they asked me again to go to Israel. I told them I would come only if I had complete artistic control and I would sign only for one year. Now I have promised a second year. After that, we shall see. Some of the Board were not too happy about having less say about artistic matters than in the past, but I think that is the right way to work. I listen to their views, I take account of what they say, but the final decision on artistic matters must be the director's."

At 50, six foot something, with a long lean body and a face made for tragedy, Sanasardo does not look a typical dancer but brings to Batsheva a lifetime's experience in the theatre. He began as an art student in his native Chicago with designs for Paul Sills, who later founded The Second City. It was while stationed in Washington with the United States Army during the Korean War that he began to dance seriously. Since 1958 Sanasardo has directed his own company and worked internationally as a choreographer.

By coincidence, he was working with another Israeli dance company, Bat-Dor, when Batsheva seemed likely to lose its independent existence four years ago. Both companies owed their existence to Bethsabe de Rothschild, but she decided she could no longer afford to support both. As her own energies had gone mainly into Bat-Dor, it was feared that amalgamation would effectively mean the end of Batsheva, although it was the senior company and had the higher reputation internationally.

"I was making a ballet for Bat-Dor and was asked what I thought", Sanasardo says. "I told the interviewer that Batsheva had the tradition and ought to be kept. That did not make me too popular with Bat-Dor but it had to be said. What is wonderful is that the Government found the money to keep Batsheva going, although Israel is not a rich country.

"Of course there isn't enough money, no dance company in the world has enough money, but we manage. What I have tried to do since I became director is to give the company a firm profile. I looked at all the old repertory on the video and have tried to bring back the works that best show what kind of company it is.

"There is a lot of talk about doing Israeli ballets, but actually the work I think has the greatest feeling for the country and its traditions is the one John Cranko made for the company, *Song of My People*. It is set to Hebrew texts, spoken by Chana Maron, who is the greatest Israeli actress, and John stipulated that it must not be translated and performed in any other language, because with that very musical sense of his he has used the sound of the words although he did not actually speak any Hebrew.

"It is a sort of progress from death to life. It is long, about 50 minutes, but it doesn't seem long. When I arrived they were doing a shortened version, only about 25 minutes. But I looked at the video and said 'It may be long but it is properly shaped. Cranko knew what he was doing, and we must get it all back', which is what we have done. Rahamin Ron, our rehearsal director, has done a marvellous job putting it together and he dances his original role in it.

"I have not had time to do much choreography for them myself, but we shall be doing in London a piece I made for them to music by Haydn. It is rather formal and simple; the dancers tend to be strong individualists so in this I have tried to make them concentrate on the ensemble. I have also made a little piece, *Meditation*, in which Galina Panov dances with the company.

"She and Valery Panov are dancing with us because they have their home in Israel and wanted to work with the company with the strongest tradition there. I would like to see them working in more ballets actually with the company but that takes time and is difficult because like all the Russians they have many commitments.

"Valery did stage a longer version of *The Lady and the Hooligan* which they danced with us. We took it to America but it was not well liked so we decided against bringing it to London. However, they have a duet, *Belong*, which Norbert Vesak staged for them, which is nearer to modern dance than classical ballet, and they will be dancing that. I think the usual showpieces, the *Corsairs* and *Don Quixotes*, would look out of place on our programme."

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Racing

Century of winners for Carson on Going For Gold

William Carson chalked up the fastest 100 winners since the halcyon days of Sir Gordon Richards, when Going Forf Gold outstayed Patrick Eddery's mount, La Pampa, in Bath's Corsham Handicap Stakes yesterday. The pair came close together as Going For Gold was challenging two furlongs out, and the stewards quickly announced an inquiry into possible interference at that point. But, like the stalls, the camera patrol was missing, and, after a comparatively short deliberation, the placings remained unaltered.

Tantra made short work of the favourite, Spekes Valley, in the Dauntsey Selling Stakes. It was a "plating" three-timer for young Charles Nelson from Lambourn whom won with Workshop at Hamilton Park 10 days ago, while Summer Snow scored at Folkestone last Monday.

Aldeburgh Festival defeated the odds-on Evasive by a length in the Rissington Stakes. Backed from 10-1 to 7-1 Aldeburgh Festival caught the favourite before halfway.

Irish raiders here are as rare as midsummer snow, and those who took the hint and also followed the betting, were on to a good thing in Soudno in the Oldfield Handicap. Appropriately, the winner was partnered with the same calm efficiency by the Irish born John Reid as characterized his greatest victory when partnering Ile de Bourbon in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. And I booked John before the Ascot race", Michael Vance, said. Vance trained the winner in County Kildare. Soudno, successful at Lanark two years ago, ran well against Kintore at York in May and was giving Vance his first success in England. "Soudno, the first company owned horse ever to store in Ireland, will now stay over here to be trained by Peter Arthur at Aston Tourrold. He is well entered up but there are no specific plans for him at the moment" Vance added.

The bookmakers, however, will not forget that Soudno is now a resident over here, for he was backed from 10-1 to 9-2 before his three lengths defeat of the favourite Ravelston.

Charlie Williams, who took over the Cree Lodge Stables at Ayr this season, had his most important victory to date when the bottom weight Doogali won the £7,500 Harry Peacock Challenge Cup Handicap at Newcastle.

The filly, who started favourite, was ridden by Michael Wigham, and she won in style. Putting in a great finish, she beat Abercata by three lengths, and set a track record of 2min 06.61sec for the one and a quarter mile course. Wigham, the boy with the winning touch in big handicaps this season, was having his first ride for Williams, and followed riding instructions perfectly.



Carson: outwitted his main rival, Eddery.

Another coup lined up for Starkey

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

True to tradition, the Stewards Cup is the centrepiece of the programme of this the first day of the Goodwood Summer meeting which lasts until Saturday. It is being sponsored for the ninth year in succession by Spillers Ltd, who were the first company to include a breeders' prize in their sponsorship. Today, the successful breeder will be rewarded to the tune of £500. The Tote are also running a Tricast pool on this annual lottery, and anyone who succeeds in naming the first three in the correct order will deserve anything they receive.

The Tote ran a similar pool on the Grand National and the Derby this year, and in each instance only one person came up trumps with the correct answer. In the case of the Grand National, the lucky person received £6,134 and the Derby dividend amounted to £5,095. The Stewards Cup poses all manner of problems. Apart from the form of the individual runners, the size of the field, the draw, and the state of the ground all have to be taken into consideration.

When a lot of rain falls at Goodwood, it usually pays to follow horses drawn low on the straight course. I can recall Lester Piggott benefiting from just such a draw in 1970 when he brought Juke Box up the stands rails to win the Stewards Cup. However, I still think that those drawn high will be favoured this afternoon as they usually are when the ground is good.

Michael Seely telephoned me yesterday after he had walked the course and told me that while there was an excellent covering of grass the ground was still firm, even though there had been a lot of rain in the area on Sunday. Twenty-two sprinters stood their ground for this famous sprint yesterday. When there was only one more runner last year no horse drawn below 13 finished in the first six. If that pattern is repeated this afternoon those who have already backed Glenturret, Mofida, Jimmy the Singer, Smarten Up, Jenny Splendid and Puza could all be on a loser. However, anyone who has already plumped for one of a group comprising Double Form, Hyver Hill, Vaigly Great, Whenby, Equal Opportunity, Magnolia Lad, Overseas Admirer and Roman Scribe can at least be assured that they are all well drawn and still in the hunt.



English Harbour: may benefit from wearing blinkers.

No one should read too much into the fact that my colleague walked the course yesterday. He just happened to be in residence close by, and I asked him whether he would mind taking a stroll up the straight instead of a wander along the beach so that I had an up-to-date brief on the ground before committing myself. Seely and I think that Michael Stoute's three-year-old Vaigly Great will give his backers a good run in what is a very open race, and he is my selection. It was over today's course and distance that Vaigly Great beat Formidable during this meeting 12 months ago. Stoute said at Newmarket earlier this month that he had been unable to give Vaigly Great as much work as he would have liked after a setback in training, and in the circumstances he instructed Greville Starkey to win the Hamilton Handicap if he could but above all, hang on to his head and not subject him to a hard race.

Apart from winning—he actually ran really well to finish third to Persepolis and Fashion Club in what was his first race for more than three months—Starkey carried out those instructions to the letter and landed both himself and Stoute before the stewards who recorded their explanations. After that inquiry, Stoute confirmed that he would still train Vaigly Great with today's race in mind provided that he was none the worse for that experience.

Yesterday our Newmarket correspondent confirmed that Vaigly Great will enter the fray fit and as fresh as new paint this afternoon after only two races this season, and that he will be ridden again by Starkey whose achievements this season are now far too numerous to mention. When anyone is riding on a crest like he has done all year, anything is possible and I know that Starkey has faith in Vaigly Great's ability to land another coup for him.

Double Form has a big weight for a three-year-old—in fact no member of his age group has ever won this race carrying more than 9st 2lb—but he should run well all the same judged on how he performed at Newmarket where he was only three lengths behind Solinus in the July Cup. Even so, he may still have his work cut out to beat Mofida who finished fifth that day. She will be meeting him on 8lb better terms for a length this time. Whenby won over five furlongs at Goodwood a year ago, but there is still a doubt whether either he or Puza will last the extra furlong of today's sprint, the first of which is uphill.

Anyone in search of a real long shot could do worse than back Hyver Hill, whose trainer Paul Cole sent out Calibina to win this race last year. Yesterday, Cole told me that he thinks that Hyver Hill has a good chance now that he has been drawn so well.

It may be sheer madness to oppose Inkerman in the Gordon Stakes. After all, he is the colt who was beaten less than two lengths by Shirley Heights in the Irish Derby. However, I am inclined to give one final chance to English Harbour although he ran badly in the Derby, for which he was also my selection, and the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot. English Harbour will be wearing blinkers for the first time in public today, and in preferring him to Inkerman and Sexton Blake I am banking on them getting the best out of him again.

At his best, English Harbour would surely be hard to beat. One has only to recall that he gave Ile de Bourbon 3lb and beat him by a length and a half at Goodwood in May when he won the Predominate Stakes over today's distance to realize what he is capable of. Before that, English Harbour had beaten Rhineland in the Somerset Stakes at Bath, and even Rhineland was capable of winning the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Today, Rhineland should be a tough nut to crack in the Charlton Stakes. If he does succeed Rhineland could easily be the first of two winners for Patrick Eddery who has a good chance of winning the New Ham Stakes on Darwood, who looked so unlucky not to win his first race at Newmarket. Finally, everything seems to point to the Queen Mary Stakes winner, Greenland Park, being hard to catch in the Molecomb Stakes.

Goodwood programme

[Television (BBC 1): 2.15, 2.55, 3.30 and 4.0 races]

1.45 TAPESTRY HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £2,389: 7f)

1 000304 Negative Response (Mrs E. Jackman), M. Haynes, 9-0 — 5
4 34-1221 Collapse (D) (Maj. M. Wyatt), H. Candy, 8-8 — 3
5 403-800 Popular Win (C) (R. Sangster), H. Price, 8-5 — [illegible]
6 002213 Sandford Lass (Mrs D. Olley), H. Price, 8-1 — [illegible]
7 01-0000 Hillbrow (C) (Mrs L. Buswell), R. Armstrong, 7-9 — [illegible]
8 01-2220 Peaceful River (C. Hill), Hill, 7-7 — [illegible]
9 330-000 Dior Queen (G. Crane), C. Brittain, 7-0 — 1

2.15 MOLECOMB STAKES (Group III: 2-y-o fillies: £8,998: 5f)

201 11 Greenland Park (D) (Greenland Park Ltd), W. H. Bass, 9-4 — 3
202 014121 Mi Favorita (D) (N. Scott), D. Sasse, 8-13 — 6
205 12201 Crest of Gold (D) (T. Tek Tan), W. O'Gorman, 8-10 — 1
204 112 Galka (D) (Baroness H. Thyssen), R. Houghton, 8-10 — 1
206 11 Miss Zadig (D) (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-10 — 5
207 4030 Frimley's Alana (T. Lyons II), P. Arthur, 8-6 — 2

2.55 STEWARDS' CUP HANDICAP (£16,345: 6f)

302 323-104 Glenturret (B.D) (R. Sangster), D. Weld, 4-9-7 — 8
303 301223 Double Form (B,D) (Baroness H. Thyssen), R. Houghton, 3-9-5 — 16
304 30200 Mofida (D) (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 4-9-5 — 12
305 000000 Jimmy The Singer (B.CD) (Mrs S. Bates), B. Lunness, 5-9-0 — 1
308 23-0123 Smarten Up (Mrs R. Kennard), W. Wightman, 5-8-10 — 4
309 200-200 Hyver Hill (D) (D. Rowland), H. Price, 4-8-8 — 21
310 2120-33 Vaigly Great (CD) (T. Sellier), M. Stoute, 3-8-7 — 15
311 0-00014 Whenby (B.C) (J. Henderson), M. W. Easterby, 4-8-7 — 7
312 430010 Van Laser (Mrs P. Farrell), M. McCourt, 4-8-5 — 10
314 0-42100 Port Royal (D) (Dr D. Fermont), A. Ingham, 5-8-1 — 11
315 43-0010 Equal Opportunity (D) (P. Wentworth), P. Arthur, 4-8-1 — 22
316 212-004 Ahonoora (D) (Essa Alkhalifa), B. Swift, 3-8-0 — 15
317 201040 Magnolia Lad (D) (J. Rees), N. Adam, 5-8-0 — 18
318 100-003 Jenny Splendid (Mrs B. Taylor), J. Haine, 4-8-0 — 7
319 403300 Lord Rochford (B. Shine), B. Swift, 5-8-0 — 6
320 1-22034 Marching On (D) (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), M. Prescott, 4-8-0 — 2
321 00-2030 Neibl (H. Demetriou), H. Price, 3-8-0 — 5
323 000331 Puza (Mrs J. Hindley), J. Hindley, 5-7-12 — 4
324 003040 Royal Diver (D. Hall), R. Hannon, 4-7-11 — 3
325 0-00021 Overseas Admirer (D) (Mrs S. Burley), J. Winter, 4-7-11 — 13
326 304312 Young Bob (D) (J. Hanson), Hanson, 3-7-9 — 14
327 113233 Roman Scribe (D) (Dr C. Norman-Williams), S. Woodman, 3-7-8 — 20
329 232023 St Terramar (B.C.D) (C. Bates), C. P.-Hoblyn, 3-7-7 — 23

3.30 GORDON STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o: £11,168: 1½m)

401 1104 Inkerman (D) (S. Fraser), M. O'Brien, 9-2 — 3
402 41-2331 Roscoe Blake (Mrs J. Bricken), B. Hobbs, 9-2 — 1
403 2110-3 Conte Santi (C) (H. Demetriou), H. Price, 8-10 — 4
404 03-1100 English Harbour (B.CD) (The Queen), I. Balding, 8-10 — 2
407 1112-30 Sexton Blake (T. Motley), B. Hills, 8-10 — 5

4.0 CHARLTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,059: 1m)

501 01-0004 Wahed (C) (Essa Alkhalifa), H. Price, 9-0 — 1
502 112301 Rhineland (D) (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn, 9-0 — 3
505 2-34310 Salinity (S. Hanson), M. Stoute, 8-11 — 6
508 1-00002 Bondi (B) (A. Clarke), H. Candy, 8-4 — 2
509 d-00111 So Proper (E. & J. Burchell Ltd), G. Harwood, 8-0 — 5
510 2-21444 Be Better (M. Olivero), I. Balding, 8-0 — 7
511 00-0000 Dasman (Wyld Court Stud), J. Sutcliffe, 7-13 — 4

4.30 NEW HAM STAKES (2-y-o: £5,056: 6f)

601 122311 General Atty (D) (U. Wijewardene), R. Armstrong, 9-5 — 2
608 1 Seven Hearts (D) (Mrs D. Coker), W. H.-Bass, 8-11 — 7
609 213 Son of Shaka (Mrs J. Slade), H. Price, 8-11 — 4
610 31 The Nail (D) (Mrs J. Spencer), Thomson Jones, 8-11 — 3
612 2 Darwood (P. Band), N. Callaghan, 8-4 — 5
614 2 Pit Your Wits (M. Standen), B. Hills, 8-4 — 1
616 02d Tender Heart (L. Goldschlager), J. Sutcliffe, 8-4 — 6

Goodwood selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.45 Collapse. 2.15 Greenland Park. 2.55 Vaigly Great. 3.30 English Harbour. 4.0 RHINELAND is specially recommended. 4.30 Darwood.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Dior Queen. 2.15 Greenland Park. 2.55 Vaigly Great. 3.30 Roscoe Blake. 4.0 Salinity. 4.30 Darwood.

Redcar programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races]

2.0 BREAKWATER STAKES (2-y-o: £680: 7f)

1 32000 Blessed Montana (B), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 — 5
2 000 Come Here, J. Etherington, 8-11 — 10
3 42000 Native Bond, W. C. Watts, 8-11 — 6
4 0004 Pride of Manaar, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 — [illegible]
5 Clay Lane, S. Nesbitt, 8-8 — 4
6 0 Hallo Cheeky, J. Fitzgerald, 8-8 — [illegible]
7 003 Jo-Anne, E. Carr, 8-8 — [illegible]
8 003 Marmourah (B), W. Wharton, 8-8 — 8
9 Metallurgy, W. A. Stephenson, 8-8 — [illegible]
11 00 Your Haulier, H. Blackshaw, 8-8 — 1

2.30 SOUTH GARE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,763: 6f)

204 2301 Flitterdale, M. W. Easterby, 8-5 — 1
205 30120 Mitsuki, R. Hollinshead, 8-5 — 3
206 0212 Shy Talk, N. Adam, 8-5 — 4
208 0003 Arms King, E. Weymes, 8-1 — 5
209 22 Bushwhacker, R. D. Peacock, 8-1 — 2
210 33 Golden Leicester, P. Wigham, 8-1 — 6
214 Mulberry Fool, J. W. Watts, 7-12 — 7

3.0 HORNLEIGH HANDICAP (£2,970: 6f)

301 0-33000 Jameson, N. Adam, 4-9-7 — 3
302 220201 Right of Light (D), P. Makin, 4-9-5 — [illegible]
304 000-100 Petard (C), W. C. Watts, 4-8-12 — 5
305 311010 Coded Scrap (D), T. Fairhurst, 5-8-7 — 1
306 0-01000 Luke Splendid (D), J. Etherington, 4-8-4 — 2
307 03-0300 Gnos (B,D), P. Wigham, 4-7-7 — 6

3.30 FORESHORE HANDICAP (£1,987: 1¼m)

401 003321 Merry Muskateer (D), M. Jarvis, 3-9-0 — 5
402 230123 Hot Shot (D), W. C. Watts, 3-8-9 — 4
403 00-4101 Opium Queen, J. Vickers, 4-7-13 — 6
406 22144-0 Placid Pet, N. Callaghan, 4-7-9 — 2
407 014430 Ascot Royale (D), R. Hollinshead, 3-7-8 — 1
408 032003 Aberswiffy (B), M. Camacho, 6-7-7 — 3

4.0 SAND DUNE STAKES (£2,347: 1½m)

501 04204-0 Repique (D), W. Elsey, 4-9-7 — 1
502 101204 Clois du Roi, J. Vickers, 3-8-8 — 3
505 43120 Hurakan, M. Jarvis, 3-8-5 — 2

4.30 TEES-MOUTH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,791: 7f)

602 020034 Artists Management, J. Etherington, 8-12 — 4
604 0312-00 Red Letter, E. Weymes, 8-5 — 9
605 001201 Marston (D), E. Carr, 8-2 — 1
606 0-00013 Fancy That, M. Camacho, 7-10 — 5
607 102004 Second Time Lucky (B,D), T. Fairhurst, 7-8 — 3
608 002014 Lunesdale, M. H. Easterby, 7-7 — 7
609 300-000 Ski Run, P. Wigham, 7-7 — 5
615 00-0010 Dunelm Overall (D), Denys Smith, 7-5 — 8
616 000-030 Noulki, C. James, 7-1 — 6

Redcar selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Blessed Montana. 2.30 Bushwacker. 3.0 Gnos. 3.30 Merry Muskateer. 4.0 Hurakan. 4.30 Artistic Management.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.30 Merry Muskateer. 4.0 Hurakan.

Yesterday's results at Windsor

6.30 (6.34) ENGLEFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £1,028: 6f)

Latimer, b c, by Sweet Revenge—Young Queen, 9-0 J. Mercer (4-11) 1
Caraquet ... R. Weaver (33-1) 2
Mozart Sonata ... T. Rogers (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Up The Swanee, 14-1 Blanca, Furore, Saint Geran, 16-1 Well Polished, 20-1 Natterville, Our Kudos, 25-1 Black Realm, 33-1 Andsome, The Martyr (4th), Thomson's Bond, 50-1 Alison's Boy, Gordon Jones, Michelham Lad, Salenhire, Kishorn, La Scala, Siren Call. 21 ran.

TOTE: Win, 12p; places, 11p, £2.55, 95p. Dual forecast, £6.06. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 2l, 6l. Prince of Arabia, Wootton and Games Sheila did not run.

6.55 (7.0) SPUR SELLING STAKES (£519: 1¼m 22yds)

Ragusa Imp, ch c, by Caliban—Palvoe, 4-8-7 P. Eddery (5-2) 1
My Gratitude W. Carson (10-11) 2
Dessima ... T. Cain (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Living for Kicks, 12-1 Sergeant Jim, Follifoot's Folly, 16-1 Frankenstein, 20-1 Silart, 25-1 Bold Hill, Cardio-anter, Comtesse Etoile (4th), Stretton Queen.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 11p, 11p, 44p; dual forecast, 19p. J. Holt, at Basingstoke. 1½l, 6l.

7.20 (7.25) WINDSOR HANDICAP (£2,115: 1m 3f 150 yds)

Roses, b f, by Ribero—Rosaura 3-9-7 ... R. Curant (7-1) 1
Hauser ... W. Carson (15-8 fav) 2
Brancaster ... H. Ballantine (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Prominent (4th), 7-1 Calibration, 10-1 Bamslag, 20-1 Loong Koi, 33-1 Claymore Honey, Young Blade. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 16p, 13p, 16p; dual forecast, 59p. H. Candy, at Wantage. Nk, 1½l.

7.50 (7.51) NIMBLE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,575: 6f)

Pro Patria, by f, by Petingo—Joyful, 8-13 ... P. Eddery (4-7) 1
Sara Kelly ... F. Morby (50-1) 2
Nicholas Grey ... P. D'Arcy (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Friendly Neighbour, 10-1 Rose of Shenfield (4th), 12-1 Angus Pride, 20-1 Laki Lady. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, £1.98; dual forecast, £27.46. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 1½l, 5l.

8.20 (8.22) AGAR'S PLOUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,260: 1m 70yds)

Hadera, ch f, by Northfields—Flat Impulse 7-8 M. Roberts (16-1) 1
Call Me Kate C. Ollivier (10-1) 2
Lady Peg ... P. Eddery (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Long John, 100-30 Lady Whitefoot, 9-1 Errantry, Klaxonette, 10-1 Buffoon, 12-1 Best Portion, 20-1 Double Mirage, 25-1 Smith Seal, Tellywog (4th), Quillian, Citadel Roc, Pippaluk, Miss Liqueur. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.65; places, 68p, 15p, 32p, 52p. Dual forecast, £4.26. J. Welch, at Ascot. 1½l, 2½l.

8.50 (8.53) JULY STAKES (£896: 3-y-o: 1¼m 22yd)

Belle-Alliance, ch f, by Welsh Pageant—Borana, 8-11 J. Mercer (5-4 fav) 1
Brigante, b f, by Brigadier Gerard—Gigi, 8-11 W. Carson (9-4) 2
Dyk-a-Tak, ch c, by Dike—Takawin 9-0 ... B. Rouse (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Kam Tsin Princess (4th), 9-1 Surprising Prince, 20-1 King of Accorda, 33-1 Canyon Ride, Pearly Rock, 50-1 Goldoration, Greengate, Murray Thwaite, Neronian, Tudor Road, Guilty Party, March Sissy, Prime enture, Waltzing. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29; places, 16p, 39p, 22p. Dual forecast, 40p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. ½l, 2½l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Roses and Hadera, £104. TREBLE: Ragusa Imp, Pro Patria and Belle Alliance, £8.75.

Nottingham evening meeting

6.30 (6.35) SAM AND ARTHUR STAPLES MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,377: 6f)

Funky Angel, br c, by Sassafras—Rockney, 9-0 J. Bleasdale (Evens fav) 1
After Shave ... G. Lewis (9-2) 2
Fumarole ... M. L. Thomas (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Brandish, 12-1 Getting Warmer, 14-1 Northend (4th), Sky Thief, 16-1 Cham-Do, 20-1 Fetter Lane, Thyme Pall, 33-1 Ray's Swallow, 50-1 Lofty Lad, Abbotsbury, Charley Gable, Mahlan, Bardwell Fair, Jumping Bean, Little Snap, Mayora. 19 ran.

TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 23p, £1.39; dual forecast, 46p. N. Adam, at Bescaby. Nk, nk.

7.0 (7.1) RICHMOND AND BARRATT HANDICAP (£550: 1¼m)

Bushbranch, br f, by John Spendid—Deacon's Hay, 4-8-1 S. Eccles (100-30) 1
Coal Bag Kate ... M. Hobson (8-1) 2
Lilah Helen ... T. Ives (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-6 Misippus, 14-1 Harrys Fizzale (4th), 25-1 Petris. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 53p; places, 15p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.07. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 1½l, 2l. The winner was bought in for 1,050 guineas.

7.25 (7.26) ARTHUR CARR CUP HANDICAP (£2,380: 1m 5f)

Busting, b c, by Busted—Yasseen 4-7-7 ... P. Robinson (evens fav) 1
Night Watch ... D. McKay (15-8) 2
Seamark ... S. Jarvis (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 More Pleasure (4th), 33-1 Paper Chase. 5 ran.

TOTE: win, 22p; dual forecast, 15p. W. Holden, at Newmarket. 8l, 3l.

7.55 (8.1) GEORGE AND JOHN GUNN MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,176: 1¼m)

Ellensiad ch c by Souvran—Sally Bee 9-0 ... G. Duffield (33-1) 1
Watch Out, A. Kimberley (3-1 fav) 2
Rainspell ... P. Waldron (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN—5-1 Kye Hye, 6-1 Lira, 7-1 Morton Prince (4th), 10-1 Alathea, 16-1 Barre Point, 25-1 Able Wren, 33-1 Haldoon, Arddleon, Alent More, Prince Fury, Regency Wood. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.97; places: 62p, 16p, 49p; dual forecast, £3.06. P. Kelleway, at Newmarket. 1l, 1l. Cupid's Dart did not run.

8.20 (8.23) HARDSTAFF AND PAYTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,209: 1¼m)

Northanger, ch c, by Busted—Miss Klaire II, 7-2 ... K. Darley (7-2) 1
Diapiefit R. J. Ferguson (33-1) 2
Bourgeois ... R. Street (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-5 False Witness, 6-1 Helmsley (4th) 4 ran.

TOTE WIN, 41p; dual forecast, £8.65. J. Bethell, at Fordingbridge. Sh. hed, 2l. Boxburger Prins did not run.

8.50 (8.51) LARWOOD AND VOCE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £966: 5f)

Djellaba, ch f, by Decoy Boy—Damascus Sky, 8-11 E. Eldin (evens fav) 1
Bryzen ... J. Lynch (5-11) 2
Early Tudor ... M. Wigham (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 Sweet Caress (4th), 20-1 Brians Star, Aggrapina, Althrey Star, Arctic Antics, Dabbling, Edd May, Gryla, My Tiara, Robony, Runner of Peace, Single Minded, Tina's Gold, Worthy Venture. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win; 21p; places, 11p, 43p, 25p; dual forecast, 39p. P. Makin, at Marlborough. ½l, 1½l. Yashmak did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Busting and Northanger, £9.05. TREBLE: Bushbranch, Ellensiad and Djellaba, £328.50.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Rheinglow.

For a certain *winner* turn to page 17.

Bath results

3.15 (3.15) DAUNSEY SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £701: 5f 167yds)

Tantra, b f, by Song—Parvati (C. Nelson) 8-8 ... T. Rogers (14-1) 1
Spekes Valley ... J. Reid (5-2 fav) 2
Hanley Castle ... P. Eddery (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Biallstock (4th), Rely On Pearl, 9-1 Master Sage, 12-1 Double Pebble, 16-1 Nunothat, 25-1 Miss Turf Lager. 9 ran

TOTE: Win, £1.50; places, 40p, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, £5.35. C. Nelson, at Upper Lambourn. 4l, 10l.

The winner was bought in for 1,500 guineas.

2.45 (2.48) RISSINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,184: 5f 167yds)

Aldeburgh Festival, ch c, by Club House—Minor Chord (R. Buffield) 9-0 ... G. Lewis (7-1) 1
Evasive ... J. Matthias (8-11) 2
Faringdon Bell ... W. Carson (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-1 Stockley Tornado, 16-1 Smart Company, 25-1 Lens Lad, Lucky Man, Ratan Boy (4th), Red Packet, Starbeat, Lady Equus, Noble Miss, Phyllisia. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.52; places, 36p, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, £1.21. D. Whelan, at Epsom. 1l, 3l. Singing Tudor did not run.

3.15 (3.17) KENSHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,940: 7f)

Etonian, ch c, by Majority Blue—Gilded Egg (Mrs D. MacGillycuddy) 7-12 M. Roberts (13-2) 1
Keynsham ... W. Carson (2-1 fav) 2
Milton Rowe ... G. Baxter (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 W. G. Greys, 7-1 Spanish Issue, 15-2 St Michaels Mount, 10-1 Lareyna, 16-1 Le Silentiaire (4th), 20-1 Royal Companion, 33-1 Charlie John, Royal Deal. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 25p, 16p, 31p, dual forecast: 58p. M. Smyly, at Lambourn. Hd, 3l.

3.45 (3.46) CORSHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,261: 1m 5f 12yds)

Going for Gold, b c, by Le Johnston—Moss Rose (S. Powell) 8-0 W. Carson (13-8 fav) 1
La Pampa ... P. Eddery (3-1) 2
Orange Hayes ... K. Darley (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Noble Heir (4th), 40-1 Pulcini. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 19p; dual forecast, 27p. J. Sutcliffe, at Epsom. 1½l, 8l.

4.15 (4.18) OLDFIELD HANDICAP (£1,560: 5f 167yds)

Soudno, ch h, by Ribero—Sucu Sucu (Kinsale Oysters Ltd) 5-9-5 ... J. Reid (9-2) 1
Ravelston ... J. Matthias (5-1 fav) 2
Boundless ... W. Carson (15-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Ralamalaz, 8-1 Balante, 9-1 Ascot Blue, 11-1 Moon's Lass (4th), Glenlado, Zipperdi-Doo-Dah, 20-1 Continuing Story, White Wonder, 33-1 Fenny Boy, Tribal Fair, High Value, Paul Alison. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.06; places, 41p, 14p, 24p; dual forecast, £1.67. M. Vance, in Ireland. 3l, 1l.

4.45 (4.48) STAPLETON STAKES (£1,271: 1m 3f 150yds)

Morse Code, ch c, by Morston—King's Mistress (Exors the late Mrs J. Benskin), 3-8-5 F. Morby (15-8 fav) 1
Busiris ... S. Raymont (3-1) 2
Kingsfold Lad ... T. Cain (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 August Moon, Close Secret (4th), 10-1 Court Leet, 16-1 Pretty Useful, 20-1 Kerry Bold, 33-1 Ari Mou, Penhill Cottage, Sky Myth, Windy Spot, Fyfield, Pertune, Pharaoh's Bride, Pride of Towy, Tia Song, Blue Calypso, Forgetaboutim, Riverway, The Burghermeister, Anolta, Sporting Wife. 23 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p: places, 13p, 17p, 28p; dual forecast, 68p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. Nk, 10l. Mineral Rights did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Etonian and Soudno, £67.40. TREBLE: Aldeburgh Festival, Going for Gold and Morse Code, £63.45.

Newcastle results

2.30 (2.31) BOULMER STAKES (2-y-o: £1,484: 7f)

Spanish General, ch g, by Green God—Luluna (S. Lien), 8-11 E. Eldin (10-1) 1
Lakshmi ... T. O'Ryan (13-8 fav) 2
Skewsby ... C. Moss (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 Cougars Surprise, 7-2 Balmuick Boy, 20-1 Little Chicken, 25-1 Middlestone Queen (4th), Bossall, Islay Mist. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 17p, 18p, £1.85; dual forecast, £2.60. G. Pritchard Gordon, at Newmarket. 1½l, hd. 1min 32.60sec.

3.0 (3.1) WALL STAKES (2-y-o: £857: 5f)

Coralita, ch f, by Spanish Gold—L'Elita (R. Roberts), 8-8 B. Raymond (4-5) 2
C. Moss (7-1) 1
Sally Anne's Boy.
Zoela ... M. Wood (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 River Chimes (4th), 6-1 Florence, 12-1 The Nip. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 38p, 12p; dual forecast, 46p. M. W. Easterby, at Sherriff Hutton. ½l, 3l. 1min 05.80sec. Muppe: did not run.

3.30 (3.31) HARRY PEACOCK CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £3,443: 1¼m)

Doogali, ch f, by Doon—Rogali (Mrs W. McAlpine), 4-7-8 M. Wigham (5-2 fav) 1
Abercata ... B. Raymond (9-2) 2
Limone ... G. Starkey (11-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Battlement, Langness (4th), 6-1 Plenty Spirit. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 17p, 31p; dual forecast, 87p. W. H. Williams, at Ayr. 3l, 3l. 2min 06.61sec.

4.0 (4.0) ALNMOUTH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,674: 1¼m 60yd)

Mr Snow, b c, by Sir Ivor—Icy Blast (W. A. Stephenson), 8-1 M. Wigham (9-4) 1
Delayney's Cross L. C. Parkes (15-2) 2
Broad Horizon, P. Kelleher (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Flurry Knox (4th), 7-1 Hulda, Welsh Joy, 12-1 Polshot. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 20p; dual forecast, 61p. W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland. 2min 40.59sec. 1½l, 2l.

4.30 (4.30) SEAHOUSES STAKES (1,236: 1m 1f)

Smartset, b c, by Martinmas—Tess (G. Ward), 3-8-8 B. Taylor (1-3) 1
Border Knight ... J. Lowe (11-1) 2
Au Pair ... M. Wigham (25-1) †
Manhunter ... P. Bradwell (11-1) †

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Tayside, 14-1 Scott James, 16-1 Abiding, 25-1 Madison Square, Young Horn, Girls Galore. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 11p; places, 11p, 27p, Au Pair, 10; Manhunter 10p; dual forecast, 44p. J. Winter, Newmarket. 3min 06.78sec. 5l, 1½l. Sunset Crest did not run.

5.0 (5.2) CRASTER HANDICAP (£1,234: 6f)

Shine On, ch m, by Silver Cloud—Gunnhildr (D. Ford), 6-7-0 A. Nesbitt (7-1) 1
Croft Close, A. Mercer (15-8 fav) 2
Hutton Barns ... M. Birch (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Indiantra, 9-1 Fair Dandy, 10-1 Jewelled Turban (4th), 14-1 Clintwood, 20-1 La Raine. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 17p, 16p, 17p; dual forecast, 71p. Denys Smith, Bishop Auckland. 1min 15.50sec. 1½l, 2l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Doogali, Smartset, £5.80. TREBLE: Coralita, Mr Snow, Shine On, £91.55. JACKPOT: not won. £522 carried forward to today. PLACEPOT: £5.50. DOUBLE DUAL FORECAST: £7.10.

Yachting

Two protests over first Prince of Wales Cup race

By John Nicholls

Two protests involving the winning boat delayed the results of the first race in the Prince of Wales Cup week for International 14ft yachts at Falmouth yesterday. Until the competitors came ashore and started thumbing through their rule-books, it appeared as if Keith Goulborn and Richard Thompson, from London Corinthian Sailing Club, had achieved a straightforward and convincing victory.

Then it was learnt that Goulborn intended to protest another boat for an incident on the starting line and that he in turn was to be protested by Daniel Owen (who finished second) for an incident on the running leg of the second round. All of which leaves the results open to various conclusions. Each protest could go either way, so either Goulborn or Owen might be declared the winner, while if both are disqualified, then Jeremy Pudney would move up from third to first.

It is a pity the week had to begin in this way, especially since one race has already been lost because of the strong wind on Sunday. There seemed to be no ill-will between the protesting parties, just a determination for justice to be done. No doubt all will be resolved before the fleet of 73 take to the water again today.

Yesterday's race was a good one, with plenty of place changes, sailed in a moderate south-westerly that gradually lightened. Owen, sailing Exultation, with Peter Brazier crewing, went well from the start. He worked along the port side of the court on the first beat and was comfortably ahead of Goulborn at the windward mark. Jon Perry in Firelord was third, ahead of Pudney in Wind Conqueror, and a close-knit group fighting for the next few places.

Owen and Goulborn stayed where they were for the remainder of the first triangular round of the Olympic-type course, but Wind Conqueror planed past Firelord on the second of the reaching legs. On the second beat the three leaders came closer together, although still in the same order, and had drawn away slightly from the fourth boat, which was now Thumper, sailed by Geoffrey Blackbird.

It was on the following downwind leg that Goulborn's Wind Whistler had her difference of opinion with Exultation and at the leeward mark Wind Whistler was leading. Once ahead, she was never again threatened, and gradually opened away into a commanding lead. As the breeze, which was ever shifting, began to falter, the two leading boats established a lead of over four minutes from Wind Conqueror in third place.

The lighter breeze did not seem to suit Wind Conqueror and she was nearly caught by Thumper on the fifth and final windward leg. Some desperate covering, however, kept her at bay, and Pudney held his place by a few lengths at the finishing line.

RESULTS (subject to protest): 1, Wind Whistler (K. Goulborn, London Corinthian); 2, Exultation (D. Owen, London Corinthian); 3, Wind Conqueror (J. Pudney, Itchenor); 4, Thumper (G. Blackbird, Derwent Reservoir); 5, Firelord (J. Perry, Itchenor); 6, Buccaneer (M. Peacock, Itchenor).

PAIGNTON: Enterprise world and national championships: 1, No Name (P. McNamara, Grimsby and Cleethorpes); 2, Weed-E (P. Weedon, Thorpe Bay); 3, Bod E, Steady Go (T. Prior, Draycote Water); 4, Climax (M. Franey, Southport); 5, Ollybeak (R. Hance, Burnham); 6, Robin (A. R. Boardman, Delph).

Football

Leeds's next target may be Saunders

Leeds United, frustrated in their attempt to persuade Lawrie McMenemy to take over as their manager, may now be looking to a man of a quite different ilk. With Mr McMenemy choosing to stay at Southampton, Ronald Saunders, of Aston Villa, could be Leeds's next target.

Mr Saunders is being widely canvassed as the man most likely to take over the job vacated by Jimmy Armfield, ahead of a number of candidates including Don Howe, the Arsenal coach; Jack Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday; and John Giles, who is in charge of the Republic of Ireland team and Shamrock Rovers.

One of Mr Saunders's assets, as far as Leeds are concerned, is his availability. He has been involved in some hard talking with the Villa board and it is no secret that he does not see eye to eye with some of them. He feels that his efforts at Villa Park should be rewarded with a relatively long-term contract, even though he is already among the highest paid managers in the country with £25,000. Villa have so far failed to make him an acceptable offer.

Leeds's chairman, Manny Cussins, stressed yesterday that money is no object. "We will pay a good salary for the right man. I consider money spent on the right manager more important than buying a player."

Mr McMenemy announced his decision to stay at Southampton by walking into the boardroom at the Dell yesterday morning, taking a piece of paper from his pocket, smiling, and saying: "The bad news is that I am staying." He said he was "extremely flattered" by the offer from Leeds and that the temptation to join them was "very big".

"There is a lot of passion associated with the game in the north of England", he said, "and I used to query whether there was that same passion here. But now I can sense that it is beginning to emerge. We have got a football hotbed in Southampton and this is no longer a non-football area.

"I owe it to everyone connected with the club, and to the directors in particular, to stay on at a time when the job is unfinished."

Torquay United's coach, Lew Chatterley, is rejoinin[g] ... ton as Mr McMenemy[...] man. Chatterley, ... England youth mid... with Aston Villa, ... James Clunie, who ... manager of St Mirr... played under Mr M... Grimsby before follo... the Dell.

Gordon Lee's lon[g] ... the Republic of Ire... Walsh, could end th... Blackpool accepting ... from Everton. Ever... being discussed by ... board and Blackpo... Robert Stokoe, will g... decision to Mr Lee... today.

Nulty, a forme[r] ... United captain, sign... ton yesterday for £5... who played little ... because of injury, ... cal examination bef... was completed.

Ian St John, a for[mer] ... and Scotland player ... Jack Charlton's coa... Sheffield Wednesday ... used to be manager ... and Motherwell.

Bristol City's capt... has been flown ... Sweden for hospital... has been troubled ... season by a deep ... injury. He was unab... City during their fo... of Sweden and ha... hospital for x-ray ... and a full check-up.

Tottenham Hotspur ... little longer to leat... they must pay Ful... centre-half, Lacy. T... presented their argu... day to the new ... tribunal dealing with ... agreements, but th... immediate decision.

The difference be... clubs in Lacy's case ... be around £100,000, ... valuing him at abou... the end of the ... which the tribunal ... cases involving four ... Alan Hardaker, sec... Football League, sa... would be informed ... fees agreed and th... announced tomorrow.

Brentford are givi[ng] ... trial to Stephen Wil... field player release... at the end of last se...

Cycling

British record by Gadd

Trevor Gadd, broke his own British one kilometre record by 1.4sec in the national track cycling championships at Leicester last night. The Wolverhampton rider, clocked 1min 8.86sec to retain the British 1,000m time trial title in far from ideal conditions. He had 2.58sec in hand over second placed Stephen Cronshaw of Cannock, his closest challenger in a 19-man field.

Gadd's ride was the first national record to be set ... Malayan hardwood ... pleted only a week ... of £175,000. He has ... the sprint title.

On Friday, he ... Commonwealth Gam... England's best hope ... gold medal.

1,000 Metres: 1, ... Europa, 1min 8.86sec ... (V.C. Europa) 1min ... Fennell (Unity GC) ...

Book reviews

Would the real Virginia Wade please stand up

Throughout her career Virginia Wade has been something of an eccentric, even a paradox. Perhaps the most charitable thing that can reasonably be said about the content, manner, and organization of *Courting Triumph* (Hodder and Stoughton, £3.95), written in collaboration with her friend Mary Lou Mellace, is that the book is true to Miss Wade's nature. But the unusual is not necessarily enticing. Miss Wade is far more stimulating than this work makes her appear to be.

The most obvious paradox about it is that whereas the presentation is lightweight (the 192 pages are printed in a large type-face more familiar in children's books), much of the material is heavyweight. At times this intellectual exercise in self-analysis reads more like a university thesis than the story of a remarkable woman. A second paradox arises from the writing style. There are many pretentious passages. Words like "morphetic", "decollated", "integument", "contraviety", and "serendipitous" seem designed to impress, rather than serve as effective means of communication. Yet there is also much slang. The contrast between formal and informal language can be striking and effective when well used. In this book, it is not well used.

A third and—by implication—more interesting paradox is that, except when exploring her own psyche, Miss Wade is surprisingly inhibited. We know her to be an intelligent woman with strong opinions: the logical adult development of the "athletic exhibitionist" of her childhood.

But she is so reluctant to speak out, so restrained in tackling—or failing to tackle—many obviously controversial subjects, that at times she seems almost insipid. She is nothing of the kind. So she must have made a deliberate decision to underplay her hand. Perhaps she is more conventional and conformist than she likes to admit.

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For the record

Tennis

COUNTY TOURNAMENT: Men: Group 1 (at Eastbourne): Essex 7, Lancashire 2: Surrey 7, Warwickshire 2: Somerset 5, Middlesex 4. Group 2 (at Ilkley): Hampshire 7, Norfolk 2: Hereford and Worcester 6, Yorkshire 3: Kent 6 West of Scotland 3. Group 3 (at Southsea): Sussex 6, Berkshire 3: Buckinghamshire 5, Leicestershire 4: Nottinghamshire 3, Cheshire 4. Group 4 (at Frinton): East of Scotland 8, Lincolnshire 1: Oxfordshire 5, Bedfordshire 4: Derbyshire 5, Staffordshire 4. Group 5 (at Bournemouth): Hertfordshire 7, Wiltshire 2: Gloucestershire 3, Northumberland 6: South Wales 7, Durham 2. Group 6 (at West Kirby): Cambridge 5, Cornwall 4: North of Scotland 8, North Wales 1: Northamptonshire 5, Devon 4. Group 7 men (at Malvern): Avon 9, Cumbria 0: South of Scotland 8, Shropshire 1: Suffolk 8, Dorset 1.

Women: Group 1 (at Eastbourne): Warwickshire 8, Hampshire 1: Surrey 6, Middlesex 3: West of Scotland 6, Sussex 3. Group 2 (at Felixstowe): Essex 6, Buckinghamshire 3: Kent 5, Berkshire 4: Yorkshire 8, Lancashire 1. Group 3 (at Cromer): Nottinghamshire 6, Hereford and Worcestershire 3: Hertfordshire 5, Cheshire 4: Norfolk 5, Devon 4. Group 4 (at Cheltenham): Leicestershire 5, Suffolk 4: Lincolnshire 8, Gloucestershire 1: Oxordshire 6, Northumberland 3. Group 5 (at Worthing): Somerset 7, East of Scotland 2: Bedfordshire 5, Shropshire 4: Cornwall 5, South Wales 4. Group 6 (at Cambridge): North of Scotland 7, Wiltshire 2: Derbyshire 7, South of Scotland 2: Avon 6, Staffordshire 3. Group 7 (at Poole): Cambridge 5, Durham and Cleveland 4: North Wales 9, Cumbria 0: Northamptonshire 4, Dorset 5.

WIMBLEDON: Youll Cup, first round: Felsted beat Cheltenham 2—0; Eastbourne beat Lancing 3—0; UCS beat Harrow 3—0; Marlborough beat Stowe 3—0; Sedbergh beat St Edmund's Canterbury 2—0; Radley beat Wrekin 2—0; Dean Close beat Ampleforth 2—1; St George's beat Highgate 3—0; King's, Canterbury beat Warwick 3—0; Merchant Taylors' beat Cranleigh 2—1; Aldenham beat Shrewsbury 2—0; Loughborough beat Ringham 2—1; KCF beat Mandalen College School 2—0; Sherbourne beat Eton 2—0; Second round UCS beat Marlborough 3—1.

WASHINGTON: Final... beat E. Dibbs, 7—5, ... final: R. Hewitt (SA) ... beat R. Ramirez (Mex) ... McNair, 6—3, 6—1.

LE TOUQUET: Wome[n's] ... team tournament: Soviet ... Switzerland, 3—0. N. C... A.-M. Ruegg, 6—4, 6—... beat P. Delhees, 7—5 ... reva and Elissenko beat ... M. Simmen, 6—1, 6—0. ... Australia beat Britain, 3—... beat M. Tyler, 7—9, 6—... Pratt beat A. Hobbs, ... 6—8: Tobin and Pratt be... J. Durie, 6—4, 4—6, 7—...

Golf

INDIANAPOLIS: US W... championship: 289—H... 75, 72, 72; 290—J. Ger... 73, 72; S. Little, 75, 75, ... —J. Blalock, 74, 74, ... Higgins, 74, 73, 75, 71, ... Young, 68, 78, 75, 75; K... 74, 71, 73; D. H. White, ... 71; 295—P. Conley, 75, ... N. Lopez, 71, 75, 79, 7...

PHILADELPHIA: 270: ... 66, 61, 72, 68, 271: G. ... 72, 64, 67, 273: J. Pate, ... 66; H. Irwin, 67, 71, 6... H. Green, 65, 72, 66, ... Hayes, 70, 72, 67, 66; ... 67, 70, 70; M. Barber, ... 70; B. Lietzke, 67, 68, 6... J. Lister (NZ), 68, 67, ... Trevino, 64, 67, 72, 68, ... 69, 71, 68; W. Kratzert, ... 67.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: ... Yankees 3, Chicago Wh... Baltimore Orioles 8, Minn... 5; Kansas City Royals 7, ... Sox 3; (1) Detroit Tige... fornia Angels 3; (2) Calif... 1, Detroit Tigers 3; Oaklan... 5, Toronto Blue Jays 5; ... Brewers 17; Texas Range...

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atl... 3, New York Mets 0; Ch... 1, San Diego Padres 5; ... Reds 5, Montreal Expos ... delphia Phillies 14, Hou... 2; San Francisco Giants ... Pirates 1; St Louis Cardin... Angeles Dodgers 0.

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ire cricket, not for the , is a house divided—you to sit among the crowd erday to realize it—and it ime Raymond Illingworth o call. "Order, order !". ion concerns whether the hould be led by Boycott shire: or, to be more whether it should be led e of Boycott or Hamp-

not make too much of local rumpuses, but it is that Yorkshire cricket has a parting of the ways. A in a local paper suggested mpshire might play for e, which he stoutly I nearly rang up Tony r permission to approach behalf of Gloucestershire, he would be a boon and g: but I am a Yorkshire- and Hampshire's proper in Yorkshire.

lay's play illustrated the in the style. The New s declared at their Satur- e, 263 for four. It had day's play shortened by the declaration was an that the New Zealanders ke a match. Yorkshire wickets soon, Lumb leg- they caught at the wicket. Bracewell, a promising medium-fast bowler, who xpect, become faster in t few years, as his broaden.

ought Boycott and Hamp- ether. There was a large r a windy Monday. The s a good one, if a little e light was sometimes at happened in the part- was predictable, except e was no runout. Hamp- tting as if he was inter- winning the match, scored . Boycott, batting as if terested in scoring a cen- wly and duly scored it. d half was livelier than the had scored 50 when e was out, after starting d), and declared the 18 ahead, when he had the hundred. He had ring 29 overs, in which e had scored 281.

must not think for a that I am suggesting that se is a better batsman ycott. Technically, there glish batsman to compare ycott today. Hampshire is handsome batsman, more ing to watch, when he well, but he varies. At nning of this season he red 29 centuries in 423 s innings, and you would better from an England of such obvious talent. be that he has felt over- d by playing so much of et with Boycott.

ot judge them as captains. aptains, though Boycott's esterday, when New Zea- re in trouble later in the ld be justified. It will be selector who picks one ther, or both, or neither. ralia. Still, we shall have and thoughtful manager nd with any luck—if only get some runs—a captain me stamp. With the right charge, the problem could beg pardon—coped with.

ZEALANDERS: First innings. 4 dec (B. Edgar 52, G. P. 67: Bowling: Old. 20—2—67 oper. 21—7—45—1: Athey —1: Stuckbury. 4—0—21— k. 27—9—54—1: Whiteley. 1—0).

Second Innings

ight, not out	12
ar, c Bairstow, b Old ..	0
Burgess, c Athey, b Old	6
nderson, not out ..	25
(l-b 1, w 1, n-b 4) ..	6
l (2 wkts)	49

Howarth, B. E. Congdon, Edwards, B. L. Cairns, R. O. S. L. Boock and B. P. Brace- at.

OF WICKETS: 1—3, 2—9.

RKSHIRE: First Innings

coll, not out	103
nb, l-b-w, b Bracewell ..	0
l, Athey, c Edwards, b ell	7
Hampshire, c Edgar, b s	90
e, b Bracewell	24
Bairstow, b Congdon ..	31
k, not out	5
(b 12, l-b 2, n-b 6) ..	20
l (5 wkts dec)	281

Old, S. Stuckbury, J. P. and H. P. Cooper did not bat.

OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—20. 4—209, 5—266.

ING: Collinge, 15—3—48—1: l, 17—5—46—3: Cairns, 19—): Congdon, 13—5—58—1: 6—2—60—0.

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Packer's substantial shadow over ICC

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The agenda for the two-day meeting of the International Cricket Conference, starting at Lord's this morning is far-ranging. Over rates; the decline of spin-bowling; details for next year's World Cup; the abuse of bumpers and the use of helmets; and the rewording, or recodifying as it is called, of the Laws of Cricket are all up for discussion.

The prospects of bringing South Africa back into the fold, now that the game there is to a greater extent non-racial, will also be looked at. But dwarfing even that will be the Packer affair. There is to be "an assessment" of World Series Cricket the organization which Keith Miller, the Australian cricketer and, in no possible sense an establishment figure, accused at Lord's on Saturday of "having ruined a great game".

It has not, I think, ruined it yet; but no cricket-lover will be mystified by what Miller meant. Such are the divisions it has created that, if they continue, to widen, there must be a very real possibility of two of the member countries breaking away from the rest of the ICC, if only until they realize how much they are missing.

With a change of administration in Pakistan since their recent defeats in England, and in view of the welcome given to Mr Packer and his representatives in some parts of the Caribbean, the danger is of Pakistan and West Indies seceeding from the ICC and joining ranks with World Series Cricket, thus leaving Australia, England, India and New Zealand and maybe South Africa. to play Test matches between each other.

This would be a drastic and probably only a temporary rift—but because of the money Mr Packer seems prepared to lose, in order to pursue his vendetta with the Australian Cricket Board, which started the whole thing off, he could I think, carry Pakistan and West Indies with him.

Members of the ICC will hear today, and the rest of the world will be told tomorrow, what emerged from the meeting in New York earlier this month between the president and secretary of the ICC (Mr David Clark and Mr Jack Bailey) and Mr Lynton Taylor and Mr Andrew Caro of World Series Cricket. The meeting took place on the initiative of the ICC, prompted by the Cricketers' Association. At it, offers were not made so much as differences defined. At least the two sides have got together, it was essential that they should.

The ICC will be told how genuinely Mr Packer seems to be seeking some sort of accommodation. Many of his players would like one. I am sure; some would be relieved if World Series Cricket were to be disbanded forthwith, leaving them to return to the old and happier order. But does Mr Packer himself want one, other than on his own terms? If his expectations are palpably unreasonable, there must then be solidarity at today's meeting. If not, something must be worked out. What one has to hope for is that there is no surrendering of principles in the way that has just happened so cravenly, and with such parochialism in Kent.

Whether the solution might be for Mr Packer to be given the chance to stage and televize the World Cup, in return for a reasonable share of the profits, is worth considering. The Prudential, however, have first call on the sponsorship if it, which in England, at any rate, is something they might be unwilling to surrender. It is also, at the moment, only once every four years. Might an annual or biennial competition, to be held in different parts of the world under the auspices of World Series Cricket, with March set aside for it, provide grounds for negotiation? It will, for the moment, point to only two more aspects of the confrontation. The first concerns the unhappiness and the anger and the hostility it has created, right across the board from the smallest families to the largest clubs. The other is that it has shown how little loyalty can come to mean when there is big money around. Few are those who do not have their price.

It would be a blow to World Series Cricket if by tomorrow night the signs were seen to be favourable for South Africa's return. This would cut off one of Mr Packer's supply lines, there being less to discourage South Africans from throwing in their lot with World Series Cricket because of the absence of any Test cricket for South Africans to play in.

Although on their government's orders the West Indians may play in World Series Cricket only with those South Africans who are their regular companions in the English county game, there is, for the time being, no shortage of these.

In London at the moment is Mr Rashid Varachia, the Indian president of the new multiracial South African Cricket Union. He and Mr Boon Wallace, a former President of the white South African Cricket Association, also now in England, have been visiting Test-playing countries, including India and Pakistan, with a view to persuading them that the reforms made in South Africa's domestic cricket are such as to meet the requirements imposed for their return to Test cricket, when they were forced out of it in 1970. Whether the politicians who use sport to further their own ends will agree, is another matter. The South African delegation is unlikely to be brought into today's meeting.

After all this over rates become undervalued. In an effort to boost them fines may be made mandatory. When a ball lodges in a batsman's shirt or the flap of his pads it becomes dead. Should the same apply if it becomes wedged in the visor of a batsman's helmet? Indeed, if a ball lodges in a fielder's visor should the batsman be out?

Or should helmets for fielders be banned? How, most fairly, can the competition be run to sort out from the field of 13 associate member countries (including Argentina and Papua New Guinea) the two who will qualify for final stakes of the World Cup in England next summer? There is so much to be talked about that two days may hardly be enough.

Golf

Hedges loses touch on the greens

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The first casualty among the eight seeds in the English amateur golf championship at Royal Birkdale yesterday was Peter Hedges. He was beaten five and four by the captain of Surrey, Stuart Robson, grandson of a distinguished teacher of the game and Ryder Cup player, Fred Robson.

The championship has not been kind to Hedges. It must be haunted for him by the spectre of selectors. He has a good strokeplay record, having last month won the Berkshire Trophy for the third time, but he needs to make his mark again in matchplay and to do that he needed a good start yesterday. He did not get it. He hit one or two loose shots, but, above all, he appeared to have lost his touch on the greens.

Robson, who finished second in the *Gold Vase* this year, was content to play par golf, holing a putt across the seventh green for a birdie, which made him two up, and dropping a stroke at the 12th where he missed the green with a three-iron in the crosswind. Hedges hit a fine shot off the tee there but took three from the edge of the 13th as he had done at the fourth. He had got into a horrid lie on a sandy track beside the ninth green, and the final blow came when Robson holed a 10-foot putt after badly missing the 14th green.

The wind was not excessive, but downwind and across, it was not easy to pitch the ball close. It was a fair golfing day, and it was a pleasure to see the course out of the corsets she is obliged to wear for several of the big events to which she acts as hostess. Several matches went down extra holes, important among them James, the Midland International, who had missed a chance for the match against Wild at the 17th, halved the first two of the extra holes in four, but lost at the next hole where he took three from the edge.

Shingler is taking seriously his position as defending champion. There is no reason why he should not, but there was a casual atmosphere last year about his victory when on his way to a caravan holiday. This year, after jogging away a series of winter dinners in his honour, he has played a good deal, then rested a week, and came here evidently playing well for he was one under par for six holes.

At that point he was three up in spite of losing the second to a four, and he was still three up at the turn. His opponent, Michael Reynard is 16, and one of 17 in the field under 18. His older brother, who plays his first match in the championship today caddied for him.

Reynard's task was not made any easier for him by his using the big ball, for the wind although not severe was making itself felt, and the course is not far short of 7,000 yards. Some might call it a foolish choice, but it was a decision that one cannot help respecting in one sense, for it suggests a long-term ambition.

Another youngster, Evans, aged 18, could make little impression on the only plus two golfer in England and Amateur champion Peter McEvoy. McEvoy feels that his game is somewhat loose, rather more poor shots than he likes, but he is in the position now through his fastgrowing reputation of starting two-up on the first tee to most of his opponents.

McEvoy was level par for six holes and four up, and he won easing up, taking three irons along the 15th. He hit his third with a two iron to the middle of the green as easily as though it had been a much shorter club.

Another seed who got away to a good start was M. Kelley, who was out in 33 and four up on Dew from South Bedfordshire. But one seed, John Davies, had to withdraw for personal reasons, which leaves Garner, the New Zealand-born England international, the only seed in the bottom quarter.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	450	4	10	384	4
2	423	4	11	374	4
3	410	4	12	175	3
4	206	3	13	505	5
5	343	4	14	198	3
6	476	5	15	542	5
7	150	3	16	404	4
8	470	4	17	502	5
9	410	4	18	513	5
Out 3,338		35	In	3,597	38

Severiano Ballesteros, leading European money winner for 1976 and 1977 is one of 11 Spaniards entered for the Irish Open Golf Championship at Portmarnock sponsored by Carrolls from August 24 to 27. The total prize money for the championship is a record £50,000, with the winner getting £10,000. There will be a qualifying round on August 22.

Hubert Green, of the United States, will be defending his title and among his challengers will be Lanny Wadkins, the United States PGA champion, Bill Roper, winner of the Bob Hope Desert tournament, Graham Marsh, of Australia, and Howard Clark, Brian Barnes, Nicholas Faldo and Tony Jacklin, of Britain.



For Jack Nicklaus, that inveterate collector of trophies, the Philadelphia story, like the St Andrews story of the week before, was one of successive triumph. Having composed a record score, he can afford to shoot a $50,000 smile.

First round results at Royal Birkdale

B. Wheatley (Hawkstone Park) beat M. S. R. Lunt (Blackwell), 2 and 1: K. van Flute (Childwall) beat N. D. Tace (Pannal), 5 and 3: K. R. Waters (Scunthorpe) beat A. Rose (John O'Gaunt), 2 and 1: B. H. Skipper (Egglescliffe) beat L. J. Mooney (Bootle), 5 and 2: M. J. Kelly (Scarborough North Cliff) beat R. J. Dew (S. Beds), 3 and 2: N. Roche (Aspley Guise) beat R. Ellis (Harborne), 3 and 2: I. J. I. Stephenson (Moortown) beat R. M. Roper (Catterick Garrison), 5 and 3: A. Hyde (Moortown), beat J. Brazell (Walton Heath), 1 hole.

J. E. Hayes (Gosforth) beat I. G. Black (Bolton), 5 and 4: B. Williams (Southport & Ainsdale) w o G. Godmon (Bearsted) scr: A. S. Oldcorn (Ratho Park) beat C. Phillips (Dulwich & Sydenham Hill), 1 hole: G. Turner (Chelmsford) beat C. F. Ford (Blackpool North Shore), 6 and 5: J. E. Ambridge (West Herts) beat N. Hazzleton (Deane), 6 and 5: A. D. Simmonds (Wentworth) beat K. J. Miller (Fulford) at the 19th: B. Clark (Fairhaven) beat K. E. Tucker (Saltburn), 3 holes: I. Mackenzie (Hillsborough) beat J. M. H. Mayell (Copt Heath), at the 19th.

M. J. Barrand (Dumerholme) beat D. R. Walker (Moor Park), 3 and 1: R. Foster (Bradford) beat T. H. Codling (Pleasington), 1 hole: H. McMichen (Sunningdale) beat S. Williams (Vicars Cross), 2 and 1: C. R. Cieslewicz (Northants County) beat H. Owen (Royal Birkdale), 3 and 1: P. M. Carrigill (Moortown) beat N. Curtis (Ashford Manor), 6 and 5: G. Silk (Saunton) beat R. C. Bunn (Woburn), 4 and 3: S. Wild (Bloxwich) beat R. James (Little Aston), at the 21st: K. Hornby (Pleasington) beat M. Curry (Brand Hall), 4 and 2.

A. P. Higgins (West Sussex) beat M. Payne (Trentham), 1 hole: A. Hill (Hazel Grove) w o P. R. Thomas (Sudbury) scr: M. J. Verligen (Colchester) w o J. Pickering (Penrith), scr: J. F. Bramley (Woodhall Spa) beat H. R. Wales (Ilkley), 5 and 4: I. Bradshaw (Eastham Lodge) beat D. H. Swash (Hillside), 9 and 8: T. R. Shingler (Blackwell) beat M. C. Reynard (Moseley), 5 and 3: P. McEvoy (Copt Heath) beat S. G. Evans (Enville), 5 and 3: D. P. Davidson (Northumberland) beat R. Lane (Stourbridge), 6 and 5.

S. Rogers (Halifax) beat N. A. Ball (Egglescliffe), 5 and 4: S. Bennett (Grimsby) beat J. A. McLoughlin (Ormskirk), 7 and 6: M. J. Reece (Formby) beat A. Carman (Coventry) at 20th: D. K. Ellson (Wellingborough) beat H. Bradford (Formby), 1 hole: D. George (Ponteland) beat P. J. McLintock (Shifnal), 1 hole: P. L. Drans (Shaw Hill) beat M. P. Walls (Hillside), 2 and 1: P. J. Brincliffe (Hb[illegible] Hall) beat P. Lane-Smith ([illegible] Wood), 2 and 1: [illegible] beat A. T. [illegible], 5 and 4.

A. Thirlwell (Gosworth) beat J. A. Savikie (Rotherham), 2 and 1: J. G. Bennelt (Croham Hurst) beat R. W. Guy (Gog Magog), 4 and 3: P. H. Evans (Blackpool North Shore) beat T. Cole (Hartlepool), 1 hole: A. W. Clark (Wakefield) beat J. B. Dickinson (Hindley Hall), 2 and 1: T. J. Collett (West Wiltshire) beat J. J. Gaunt (Howley Hall), 1 hole: B. Stockdale (Mere) beat S. A. Mason (Porters Park), 1 hole: J. Kelsey-Fry (Chislehurst), wo S. East (York) scr: G. Wilson (Douglas) beat C. M. Pearce (Dyke), 3 and 2.

T. D. Griffiths (Mere) beat C. S. Atkinson (Darlington), 4 and 3: M. Gamble (West Derby) beat T. R. Bull (Alnmouth), 4 and 3: C. Cox (Royal Epping Forest) beat R. B. Wallman (Bramhall), at the 19th: A. Lyddon (Knowle) beat P. J. Whitehead (Worsley), 4 and 3: P. Downes (Coventry) beat R. Fish (East Berkshire), 3 and 2: N. O'Byrne (West Hove) beat L. Pomerance (Abridge), 3 and 2: N. A. Dorey (Royal Ashdown Forest) beat A. K. Green (Darlington), 4 and 2: C. R. Smethurst (Crewe) beat J. A. Aspinal (Penwortham), 2 and 1.

E. Culliksen (Seascale) beat D. H. Watkins (Huyton and Prescot), 2 holes: K. R. Gough (Burnham Beeches) beat J. L. Youdale (Upton-by-Chester), 3 and 2: S. Fernyhough (Whittington Barracks) beat A. G. Hamer (N. Manchester), 4 and 3: R. J. Ellis (Frilford) beat C. A. Williamson (Thonock), 4 and 3: S. F. Robson (Walton Heath) beat P. Hedges (Langley Park), 5 and 4: M. A. Smith (Hawkstone Park) beat A. Payne (Windermere), 5 and 4: R. Joyce (Fairhaven) beat G. T. Wraith (South Shields), 3 and 2: P. Morley (Reading) beat R. B. Shaw (Woodsome Hall), at the 19th.

P. Deeble (Alnmouth) beat K. McCarthy (Moortown), 1 hole: R. Chapman (Langley Park) beat D. Singleton (Worksop), 6 and 5: L. A. Southgate (Thorpe Hall wo, H. Hopkinson (Worksop) scr: G. C. Marks (Trentham) beat R. Seal (Vickers Cross), 6 and 5: B. D. Hannan (Purley Downs) wo, M. A. Holmes (Hesketh) scr: R. R. Palmer (Royal Ashdown Forest) beat W. M. Hopkinson (Bingley St Ives), at the 19th: D. F. Williams (Ashridge) beat C. Grundy (Lytham Green Drive), 2 holes: S. Dunlop (Bristol and Clifton) beat J. R. Bennett (Royal Mid-Surrey), 3 and 2.

R. J. Hurst (Woking) beat P. Scott (Furness), 1 hole: C. G. Jubb (Sickleholme) beat D. Clarke (Frinton), 5 and 3: R. J. Mugglestone (Worksop) beat M. E. Lewis (Henbury), 6 and 4: J. G. Telley (Bingley St Ives) beat C. Stephenson (York), 2 and 1: M. R. Bentley (Leeds) beat J. Herb (Sutton Bridge), 3 and 2: T. G. Till (Southport and Ainsdale) beat A. S. Jenks (Haywards Heath), 3 and 2: [illegible] Shannon (Langley Park) beat T. H. Conway (Whitburn), [illegible] beat [illegible] (Brocket [illegible]) [illegible] 1 hole.

Squash rackets

Pioneering series in several ways

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

A transportable squash court with a glass back wall is to be erected in the main arena of one of Europe's most widely known indoor tennis centres, the Kungliga Tennishallen in Stockholm. The occasion will be the second tournament, from August 31 to September 5, in a world squash series backed by Pakistan International Airlines. The Kungliga club, which has an impressive array of permanent squash courts, is particularly suitable for the installation of a temporary "show" court because the seating in the tennis arena is far above the playing surface.

This pioneering squash series, based on a prototype successfully launched last year, will span seven countries and three continents. The first six events, linked by a points system, will be played in the Netherlands, Sweden and West Germany from August 26 to September 11 and in Singapore, Egypt and England from November 7 to December 2. The eight players leading on points will go to Karachi for the Masters tournament from December 13 to 18.

Except for the Masters, the tournaments will all be 16-man events carrying £10,000 in prize money, the winner taking £2,200. Four or eight of the invited professionals must contest a preliminary round against leading players from the host nation. Players must compete in at least four tournaments in order to be eligible for Karachi. The Masters will be played in two groups on an all-play-all basis until the semi-final round. The prize money has yet to be decided.

The world champion, Geoffrey Hunt, will play in the first three tournaments and probably in Singapore, too. His main challengers, as usual, will be Zaman, Mohibullah, Jahan and Alauddin, reinforced by the latest graduate to the elite, Brownlee, of New Zealand. Should anyone play the entire series unbeaten, which is unlikely, he could win about £15,000: and all expenses will be met unless players want meals a day instead of the two provided. PIA are supplying air tickets and prize money. Other costs are being met by arrangement between Mark McCormack's International Management Group and local sponsors.

In addition to the concept itself and the transportable court at Stockholm, the series will break new ground in other ways. It marks an expansion of the professional circuit. Singapore has a nine-court complex. The Dutch leg, to be split between two clubs, will show the flag in the provinces, at Mierlo Hout and, from the second round onwards, at Goirle. The Egyptian tournament will be played at the well known Heliopolis club in Cairo. The Germans, who are building courts all over the place, will bring Krefeld into the squash spotlight. The location of the English tournament has yet to be decided.

Kent hope Clark will reconsider his decision

Mr John Pocock, the chairman of Kent County Cricket Club, today expressed the hope that Mr David Clark, president of MCC, would consider rejoining the Kent committee at some time in the future.

Mr Clark, a former Kent chairman and trustee of the club, has resigned because of Kent's decision to re-enage their Kerry Packer players at the end of the season. He feels such a decision is incompatible with his position as chairman of the International Cricket Conference.

Mr Pocock said yesterday that he was sorry Mr Clark had found it necessary to resign after 20 years. He had made a great contribution to the club. He did not agree with his reasons for resigning but could understand them. He hoped, when this all died down, he would consider rejoining Kent.

Today's cricket

LEEDS: Yorkshire v New Zealanders (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

UNDER-19 MATCH
SCARBOROUGH: England v West Indies (11.0 to 5.30 or 6 0).

UNDER-25 COMPETITION
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Derbyshire.

ARUNDEL PARK: Sussex v Surrey.

SECOND XI COMPETITION
CARDIFF: Glamorgan II v Yorkshire II.

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II v Leicestershire II.

HARROW: Middlesex II v Essex II.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire II v Northamptonshire II.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
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EXMOUTH: Devon v Berkshire.

OXFORD: Oxfordshire v Buckinghamshire.

DEVIZES: Wiltshire v Dorset.

Minor Counties

SOUTH SHIELDS: Cumberland 105 and 103 (J. S. Wilkinson 4 for 44, S. Greenford 4 for 15): Durham 212 for 3 dec. Durham won by an innings and six runs.

OXFORD: Buckinghamshire, 164 (T. Curtaroy 57): Oxfordshire, 76 (P. Gooch 5 for 40) and 33 for 2.

FALMOUTH: Berkshire, 224 for 8 dec (M. Simmons 63): Cornwall, 145 (T. J. Angove 58: J. H. Jones 4 for 54). Berkshire won by 79 runs.

DUNSTABLE: Shropshire: 250 for 6 dec (J. S. Johnson 50: G. R. Cass 77: S. C. Gale 61 not out): Bedfordshire: 181 for 6 (D. M. Daniels 65: T. J. Machin 66).

LINCOLN: Staffordshire 36 for 5 dec and 115 (C. S. Berker 5 for 32): Lincolnshire won by seven wickets.

Schools match

EASTBOURNE: HMC Schools 174 (Worlidge 83: Ellison 7 for 39): English Schools Cricket Assocn 115 for 2 (Felton 51 not out).

Second XI competition

HARROW: Essex II, 207 for 8 (D. Pringle 66): Middlesex II, 241 for 8 (D. Acfield 4 for 81).

CARDIFF: Glamorgan II, 179 for 9 dec (M. J. Lewellyn 76: R. J. Herltage 4 for 38): Yorkshire II, 113 for 8 (N. Perry 6 for 45).

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II, 142 for 9 dec (J. Birkenshaw 5 for 55): Leicestershire II, 34 for 3.

ENVILLE, NEAR STOURBRIDGE: Worcestershire II, 177 (B. J.R. Jones 54: R. Williams 5 for 40): Northamptonshire II 127 for 4.

Under-25 competition

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire, 263 for 8 (J. D. Birch 44): Lancashire, 204 for 6. Lancashire won by 4 wickets

HASTINGS: Sussex, 156 for 6. Kent, 115. Sussex won by 51 runs.

West Indies hit their way out of trouble

By Richard Streeton

SCARBOROUGH: England Under-19, with six first innings wickets in hand, are 71 runs behind West Indies Under-19.

There were moments yesterday to justify a feeling that we were watching a full-scale Test match for the Wisden Trophy through the wrong end of a telescope rather than the second day of an under-19 international. West Indies hit their way out of trouble with some spirited stroke play and followed with some spectacular if erratic fast bowling which left England for a time uncertain.

Some of the best entertainment came early when West Indies, resuming at 70 for one, scored at nearly a minute for the first hour. Lewis was caught behind slashing against a short ball but Best's 58 which was carefree from the start. One six over square leg off the medium fast bowling of Parsons was a superb shot. He was held low down at extra cover. The three lefthanders were less cut: Roche well taken at slip, Haye bowled trying to cut, and Jumadeen, brother of the Test player, was caught at cover. White, the captain, and Persaud added 80 in 19 overs for the seventh wicket.

England's close catching was entirely reliable but this has been a difficult ground on which to sight catches. Thomas bowled his utmost and his figures hardly showed the effort put in though Parsons and Carter were steadier. There was nothing in the pitch for the off-spin of Forster but Mellor varied the pace and flight of his left arm bowling and more than once induced a change of mind.

White was never reticent about lofting his hits and he struck one splendid straight six against Forster before being caught at mid-off in the last over before lunch. Persaud gave Mellor a hard return catch soon afterwards that the bowler held at the third attempt. All through the innings the West Indians provided more frequent examples of the cut than usually seen nowadays in English cricket.

The final stages gave Reifer the chance to hint at the pleasure he might have given if fully fit. Reifer retired with a throat infection after first going in at No 3. He has already played for Barbados in the Shell Shield and has 100 behind him on this tour. He returned after lunch and batted in good style until running out of partners. I feel sure he will be here again when the senior West Indies side tour England next in 1980.

England were 72 for four with Taylor having retired hurt before Brearley and Carter batted through the final 37 overs. Each gave one difficult chance but they weathered the early storm. They played the muscular Grant's pace safely and batted with confidence against the three spin bowlers tried.

Sharp was out in the fourth over of England's innings mishooking to backward short leg. Taylor retired with a bruised jaw after being hit by White at 39: Terry was bowled off his pads at 48; next ball Pauline was leg before to a ball that kept low. French saved the hat trick with a straight four but was out in the first over after tea.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

L. Lewis, b Thomas	10
T. Edwards, c French, b Thomas	15
C. Best, c Sharp, b Carter ..	58
H. Roche, c Taylor, b Thomas ..	3
L. Reifer, not out	24
*A. White, c Carter, b Parsons ..	41
S. Haye, b Thomas	3
S. Jumadeen, c Sharp, b Carter ..	5
K. Persaud, c and b Mellor ..	38
W. Davis, l-b-w, b Parsons ..	0
E. Grant, run out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, n-b 9) ..	17
Total	244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—25, 2—56, 3—124, 4—133, 5—148, 6—157, 7—237, 8—241, 9—246, 10—244.

BOWLING: Thomas, 21—5—84—4: Parsons, 18—7—51—2: Carter, 18—2—67—2: Forster, 4—0—18—0: Mellor, 6.5—3—16—1.

ENGLAND: First Innings

*K. Sharp, c Grant, b Davis ..	7
M. Brearley, not out	70
N. Taylor, retired hurt	4
P. Terry, b White	5
U. Pauline, l-b-w b White ..	0
†B. French, l-b-w b Grant ..	20
R. Carter, not out	39
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 5, nb 11)	25
Total (4 wkts)	173

G. Forster, A. Mellor, G. Parsons and D. Thomas did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-48, 3—48, 4—72.

Umpires: G. Mountfield and G. D Newport.

Law Report July 24 1978 — Court of Appeal

What union must establish to achieve recognition

National Union of Gold, Silver and Allied Trades v Albury Brothers Ltd

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir David Cairns

The Court of Appeal considered for the first time the meaning of recognition of a trade union by an employer for the purposes of collective bargaining, in the Employment Protection Act, 1975. They held that correspondence and one meeting between a trade union representative and employers who had not hitherto had union members in their small business and which did not lead to any agreement was not enough to constitute "recognition". The fact that the employers were members of a national federation which had made a collective agreement with the union did not mean that individual companies in the association were bound by the collective agreement.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by National Union of Gold, Silver and Allied Trades, an independent trade union, from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Phillips presiding) (*The Times*, April 26, 1977; [1978] ICR 62), which had affirmed a Birmingham industrial tribunal and had held in favour of employers, Albury Brothers Ltd, of Birmingham, that the union was not recognized for collective bargaining purposes within sections 99 and 101 of the Act so that the employers were not obliged to consult the union before dismissing several employees on the ground of redundancy.

Mr Stephen Sedley for the union; Mr Robert Turner for the employers.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Alburys, who had been established for about 100 years, employed 55 men making gold and silver rings and trinkets. In 1976 when there was a shortage of work they decided they would have to make four men redundant and did so on the policy of "last in, first out". They wrote to the four saying how sorry they were, and gave the men all they were entitled to by law—holiday pay, notice and redundancy payment. Alburys thought they had dealt with the men quite generously according to law. NUGSAT said they had not.

NUGSAT told Alburys that they had not complied with the new statutory procedure for handling redundancies—part of the Employment Protection Act, 1975, which had only come into force on March 8, 1976. Under that Act, if an employer was going to dismiss anyone as redundant, he ought in appropriate circumstances to consult the trade union about it and give reasons in writing before making a person redundant. If he did not go through that consultation the union could apply to an industrial tribunal for a protective award, and if such an award was made the employer would have to pay extra compensation to the men concerned: sections 99 to 102 of the Act. None of that procedure was gone through in the present case: and the union had brought proceedings against the employers.

The employers' answer was: "You were not a trade union recognized by us and none of those provisions apply except in regard to a recognized union". The question was whether NUGSAT had been recognized by the employers as the recognized trade union for the purposes of the Act.

Section 11(2) provided: "In this Act 'recognition', in relation to a trade union, means the recognition of the union by an employer, or two or more associated employers, to any extent, for the purpose of collective bargaining." Recognition of a trade union was a most important step for collective bargaining; if there was to be any negotiation about wages and so on the employer had to negotiate with the recognized trade union.

None of the 55 employees had been, to the employers' knowledge, union members at all, although they knew them all by their first names. But on May 5 an active union district secretary, Mr Shakeshaft, got eight to join the union and wrote on May 7 to the employers saying that he would like to draw to their attention "the wages and conditions agreement between the Gold and Jewellery Trade Section, British Jewellers' Association (North Area) [the employers' association] and this union. It appears to me that rates of pay of your company are not in accordance with this agreement and I would ask that we arrange an early meeting to discuss the matter."

Alburys were members of the British Jewellers' Association, a member of the British Jewellery and Giftware Federation Ltd. The federation had negotiated terms and conditions throughout the industry, and there was a written agreement between the union and the federation about rates of pay, hours of work and holidays. But nothing was automatically binding on Alburys except in so far as the terms could be treated as guidelines. The agreement between the employers' federation and the trade union made quite clear that it was not binding on individual employers unless they had made separate agreements with their own workers.

So when Mr Albury received the letter of May 7, not having had any dealings with the union before, he went to see Mr Shakeshaft but he was too busy to see him. On May 10, therefore, Mr Albury wrote to the union saying that, following the May 7 letter and his visit, he had reviewed the trainees' rates of pay and "as far as I am now aware they conform with the wages agreement of" the British Jewellers' Association. He offered to see Mr Shakeshaft "to have a talk with you especially about trainees". They had a meeting on May 20 and discussed whether the wages of one of the young men of 20 came within the general scale; but they did not come to any agreement. Before anything more transpired redundancy notices were given.

Had the employers, on that discussion and those few letters, "recognized" the union "for the purpose of collective bargaining"? One point was that if they had recognized them they should have gone through all the statutory procedure for handling redundancy. If not, they were under no such obligation.

Both the industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal had held that there was no recognition. Their Lordships had been referred to the only three cases decided on the point—the Scottish decision in *TGWU v Dyer* ([1977] IRLR 93); *Wilson v USDAW* ([1978] IRLR 120); and *National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers v Charles Ingram & Co Ltd* ([1977] ICR 530). In those cases there was a general consensus of opinion among the tribunals that a recognition issue was a most important matter for industry and an employer was not to be held to have recognized a trade union unless there was mutuality on the matter. Sometimes there was an actual agreement on recognition; sometimes an implied agreement; but there must be something sufficiently clear and distinct, by conduct or otherwise, of which one could say "They have mutually recognized one another—trade union and employer—for the purpose of collective bargaining".

Were the few letters and the one meeting recognition of the trade union? It seemed to his Lordship that if the employer went along with the letter in his hand and said he would discuss the wages, that was not sufficient. Nor was it sufficient if he started discussing some particular man's wage; there must be a great deal more than that. In the *Wilson* case a trade association arranged an increase and its members allowed a union representative to put up a notice about it and negotiations went on for two years. One could understand that in a case like that there might be sufficiently strong evidence of recognition.

But in the present case the industrial tribunal, at a time when there was no other reported case on the point, put the matter clearly: "This union relies on the fact that early in May it recruited eight members of a workforce of 55 at the respondents which hitherto had not employed union labour. Following that there was, after correspondence, a meeting . . . at which specific reference was made to the rate of pay of one of the new recruits at an amicable meeting. That, says the union, presumably must amount to a de facto recognition by the employers. We do not consider that is so".

The Employment Appeal Tribunal said the same: "A beginning had been made, the approach established, and if matters had continued as they had begun it might well have been that eventually a state of recognition would have been achieved; but in all the circumstances . . . matters were still in the preliminary stages, and the employers had not recognized the union by the material date."

His Lordship found no error in law at all in those decisions, and so it was not a case in which the court could or should interfere. An act of recognition involved such serious consequences on both sides that it should not be held to be established unless the evidence was clear. The conduct in the present case did not come up to that.

The appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH, concurring, said that one duty imposed on the employer under section 99 of the Employment Protection Act was to consult with the recognized union when a question of redundancy arose. Section 11(2) dealt with "recognition . . . for the purpose of collective bargaining". "Collective bargaining" was defined in section 126 as "negotiations relating to or connected with one or more of the matters specified in section 29(1) of" the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, relating to conditions of labour and so forth.

Therefore "recognition" entailed accepting a trade union to any extent and a representative of the employers for the purpose of negotiation in relation to one or more of the matters in section 29(1), which entailed not merely conduct but also negotiation on such matters—negotiation with a view to striking a bargain on an issue. Thus it involved a positive mental decision.

How that decision should be manifested would of course vary from case to case. There might be a declaration or a point reached between the parties where one could say "It goes without saying"; but in the present case that position was certainly not reached. There was no recognition by the employer.

SIR DAVID CAIRNS, also concurring, said that in his view the federation's collective agreement with the union did not constitute recognition by Alburys of the union within the meaning of the Act, even though Alburys was a member of the federation. The existence of the collective agreement was not a factor to be taken into account in deciding whether there had been recognition.

Having regard to section 11(2) and the definition of "collective bargaining" in section 126, with its reference to section 29(1) of the 1974 Act, his Lordship considered that recognition must mean that the union was to be consulted on matters referred to in section 29(1); and the fact that such matters were discussed on a particular occasion did not of itself necessarily mean that any such implication had to be made—particularly if the employers' attitude was, as it appeared to be in the present case, "I hear what you say but we have our own scale of payment which we intend to continue to operate". That was the sense of the employers' evidence at the meeting on May 20. The matters relied on to establish recognition were too limited in scope, too inconclusive in character, and too brief in duration to have any such effect as to constitute recognition.

The EAT decision seemed to his Lordship both good law and good sense.

Leave to appeal was refused.

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Queen's Bench Division

Witnesses undisclosed: conviction quashed

Regina v Leyland Justices, Ex parte Hawthorn

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice May and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

Where the prosecution failed to notify a defendant who was charged with driving without due care and attention of the existence of witnesses which the prosecution knew about but did not intend to call, that amounted to a breach of the rules of natural justice and certiorari lay to quash the resulting conviction.

The Divisional Court so held when granting an application by Paul Robert Hawthorn for an order of certiorari to quash his conviction at Leyland Magistrates' Court in March, 1977, of driving without due care and attention, contrary to section 3 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972.

Mr Michael Kershaw for the applicant; Mr Graham Boal for Lancashire Constabulary. The justices were not represented.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the applicant's car came into collision with a car driven in the opposite directon. It was one of those cases where both cars were too near the centre line for comfort, and one must have been a little over. After the applicant's conviction, his solicitors received from the police the names of two additional witnesses, whose names and addresses had come to the attention of the police but who had not been called to give evidence. The police had not notified the defence about those witnesses before the hearing. The applicant now had their names and addresses and a brief statement of the evidence that they would give, which might be helpful to him as tending to show that it was not his car that was over the centre line of the road.

Certiorari did not lie to quash a decision simply in order to call fresh evidence: *R v West Sussex Quarter Sessions, Ex parte Albert and Maud Johnson Trust Ltd* ([1974] 1 QB 24). The applicant, therefore, had to show that he had been deprived of natural justice by not being given the elementary right to be notified of those additional witnesses. No one could doubt the importance of the case. The hardship and injustice were there for all to see. There was no doubt that an application could be made for certiorari to set aside an order on the basis that a tribunal had failed to observe the rules of natural justice, but certiorari in respect of such breach was sought primarily where there was an error on the part of the tribunal. Here there was an error on the part of the police prosecutors. Consequently it was argued that the present was not a case for certiorari.

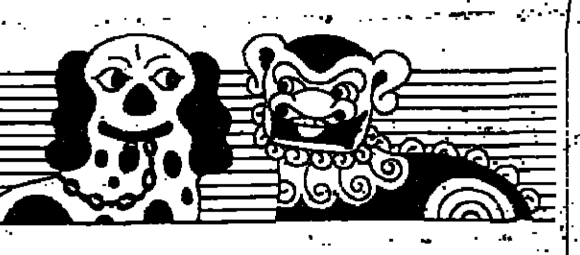
After careful thought, their Lordships could not see why, when fraud, collusion and such like matters not affecting the tribunal justified certiorari, a failure of the prosecution (which in the present case prevented the tribunal from giving the defendant a fair trial) should not rank in the same way. Here there was a clear denial of natural justice. Fully recognizing the fact that the blame fell on the prosecutor, not the tribunal, the court was of opinion that certiorari lay and the conviction should be squashed.

Mr Justice May and Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co for James Chapman & Co, Manchester; Mr Brian Hill, Preston.



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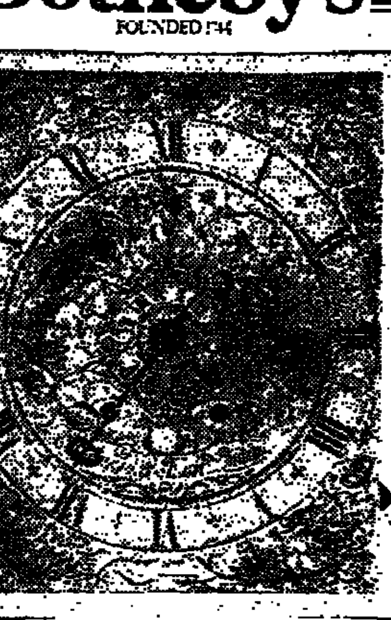
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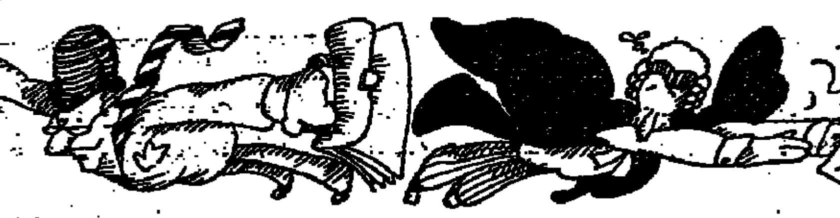
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The Companies Act, 1948 In the Matter of S.A.M. INVESTMENT COMPANY Limited No. 001055 of 1962

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of WILLIAMS DUNN Limited. Nature of Business: Garage Proprietors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 19th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 8th August 1978, at Room G30, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SOCRECO Limited Nature of Business: General traders

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 12th June 1978

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

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No. 25 (Rule 58 (6))

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HALEGARD Limited. Nature of Business: Builders.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 26th June 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SUBORUE INVESTMENTS Limited Nature of Business: Investment and Trust Company

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 19th June 1978

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Can the political parties rise to the European challenge?

Few matters have been so often debated at Westminster during the last two years as direct elections to the European Parliament. We have mulled over all the details, and doubtless we shall do so again. It is perhaps typical of our political system that the House of Commons has hardly discussed the most important aspect of all, namely the new relationship which will have to be formed between the European and Westminster Parliaments. It has been left to a House of Lords sub-committee to take up this challenge, and their report, out today, should therefore be warmly welcomed.

There is no risk of a head-on clash between the two parliaments. Those who predict such a clash have not thought the problem through. It is true that the two parliaments will often discuss the same subjects —farming, fisheries, and, increasingly, industry and the foreign policy of the EEC. But they will discuss these things at different stages and with different powers.

The European Parliament, with its limited legal powers, will nevertheless be able to make life difficult for the Commission or for the Council of Ministers collectively. Already they have shown how they can influence the content of Community legislation. The power of the House of Commons will be what it has always been. It will continue to harass or stimulate as necessary the British ministers coming from and going to the Council of Ministers. It is true that the House of Commons does not now use its powers effectively. We are waiting for the Government's proposals for the strengthening of our scrutiny procedure. If only we can get this right, we might see an end to the lackadaisical late-night debates on EEC documents. We might, for example, begin to realize how crucial for our constituents are such matters as the balance struck within the EEC common commercial policy between free trade and protection. But that is up to us.

With both parliaments active on the same range of subjects, a bonus will obviously come to the country or political party which can use its position in those parliaments coherently, like the two blades of a pair of scissors. It has been argued that this can best be achieved through the dual mandate, that is by encouraging Westminster MPs to stand for the European Parliament while retaining their Westminster seats. There may well be a few individuals who will manage to persuade constituency selection committees that they can actually manage both jobs successfully. But the practical difficulties will be very great, and we must clearly look elsewhere for the effective link between the two parliaments.

The European Parliament, like the Westminster Parliament, is organized on party lines, and the main responsibility for the relationship between the two will lie with the political parties. This is not to say that party discipline could be as strict in the European Parliament as it is at Westminster. The European MPs must have tactical freedom, not least because they will want to cooperate with other groups. But it is essential that they and their staffs should be meshed into their political parties at home at all levels, from the leadership through the parliamentary party, the voluntary organizations, to the constituencies. Indeed, it will be in their own interests to keep this close connexion. They will rely upon it for their election, for their constituency operations after the election, and for their reelection later. It is now up to the parties to work out urgently the guidelines which they will have to discuss and agree with their candidates once selection starts, after Parliament has approved the constituency boundaries.

After the first round of direct elections there will need to be discussion between the two parliaments. Here the House of Lords report points the way. It looks as if some of the far-reaching schemes which used to be canvassed have little chance of success. The House of Commons is unlikely to allow European Members of Parliament to sit and speak without a vote in our chamber. The House of Lords is already so embattled that it would be unfair to thrust on them at present the responsibility of offering membership of that chamber of European Members.

I hope that we can overcome any practical difficulties in allowing the European MPs to eat, drink, smoke and read with us. Probably we shall also need a joint Grand Committee in which members of both parliaments can sit as of right. The difficulty will be to prevent such a committee from dying of boredom. It should only be brought together when a contentious and important matter is coming to the boil within the Community. At that stage I can see such a discussion being of real value to both types of MP, and perhaps also to British ministers.

Thus the immediate responsibility lies with the political parties. This will distress those who hoped that the political parties would play only a minor role in this new exp
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How Walvis Bay could put Namibia in deep water

Johannesburg

"Twixt the cup and the lip there can still be many a slip, remarked *Die Suidwester*, mouthpiece of the white National Party in Namibia (South West Africa) following the acceptance of the Western settlement proposals for the territory by the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

Indeed, there can. As the Western plan is placed before the United Nations Security Council today, diplomats from the five Western nations who spent the past 15 months patiently putting the independence package together must be acutely aware that it could still fall apart at the seams during the next few critical weeks.

It is worth considering just what the five Western nations—Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada—have achieved since they launched their initiative in 1976. On Swapo's side they have managed to persuade an organization which claimed to be the "sole authentic representative of the people of Namibia" to end its guerrilla war and to test its support against opposing parties in one-man-one-vote elections. Furthermore, Swapo has agreed to do so without the South African presence being first totally removed, as it had always demanded.

On the South African side the five Western Governments managed first to persuade the Pretoria Government to abandon its plans to impose a system of Bantustans on the territory and then to give up its idea of granting independence on the basis of the Turnhalle conference. South Africa has now agreed to see its favoured party, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), pit its strength at the polls against Swapo. Most independent observers believe that in such an election Swapo would win substantially more votes than the DTA.

But will such elections, in which Swapo, the DTA and other political parties are participants, actually take place?

Both Swapo and South Africa (together with its DTA surrogate) are still deeply distrustful of each other's intentions. Neither side is convinced the other is genuinely prepared to adhere to the Western plan—South Africa because it believes Swapo is fearful of a poor showing at elections and Swapo because it feels South Africa would never accept the establishment of a left-wing Swapo government in Windhoek.

The first real test of both sides' good intentions will come over the thorny issue of Walvis Bay. If either South Africa or Swapo is seeking a way out of the Western plan then Walvis Bay could provide them with the opportunity of doing so without appearing to go back on their word.

Walvis Bay is a complex and emotive issue, as the recent statements by Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, and Mr Sam Nujoma, the president of Swapo have shown. Legally it is as much part of South Africa as the oil-rich enclave of Cabinda is part of Angola. However, it is political nonsense to deprive a newly-independent country of its one deep-water port. Continued South African possession of Walvis Bay would provide it with considerable leverage over a new Namibian government which, in the short run at least, will remain economically dependent on its white-ruled neighbour.

The Western plan deliberately avoided the Walvis Bay issue, preferring to let it be settled after independence between South Africa and the new Namibian government. However, in order to gain Swapo's acceptance of the Western plan, it was agreed at the meeting in Luanda between Swapo and the Western governments earlier this month that a separate resolution supporting the integration of Walvis Bay into a future Namibia should be put before the Security Council.

This resolution will be submitted after the Western plan has been presented, although it is not yet known how long afterwards. Swapo wants it to be as soon as possible, in order to emphasize the link between the Western plan and the Walvis Bay resolution. The West, on the other hand, wants there to be a decent interval, so as not to cause too much offence to South Africa. The fact that such a resolution is being contemplated has already provoked Mr Botha's wrath.

Mr Botha's tough statement on Walvis Bay a week ago, in which he warned that a "cloud was appearing on the horizon" as far as the disputed enclave was concerned, reinforced the fears of some Western diplomats that South Africa never wanted to be part of an agreement which included Swapo and is now trying to get itself off the Western hook.

Their assessment of South Africa's attitude goes as follows. For years South Africa has regarded Namibia as a fifth province of the republic. There are 80,000 whites living in the territory, most of them with South African nationality, and it would be political dynamite if South Africa was party to an accord which resulted in most of them having to pack their bags and leave (as would probably happen in the event of a Swapo victory). Furthermore, there are important strategic reasons for South Africa maintaining a military and economic presence there.

South Africa, so the argument goes, first tried to win Western approval for the Turnhalle conference. When this failed it only agreed to go along with the Western plan in the belief that Swapo would reject it. Subsequent South African actions, such as the detention of internal Swapo leaders or the massive raid on Swapo camps in Southern Angola, seemed designed to ensure that Swapo would do just that.

However, this thesis is rejected by other Western diplomats, who feel that South Africa has too much to gain if the Western plan succeeds to risk jeopardizing it over Walvis Bay or any other obstacle that might arise. By accepting the plan, it was argued, South Africa would not only be ensuring that the West and the "front line" states would be held responsible for the peaceful transition of Namibia to independence; it would also win the "goodwill" of the West and thereby postpone awkward decisions at the United Nations on oil sanctions, trade boycotts and investment.

Furthermore, some Western diplomats do not hold the view that Swapo would have a walkover at the elections. There can be no doubt that some "moderate" Namibians have been worried by what they regard as the increasingly Marxist tendencies within Swapo. At the same time the release of the prominent Swapo dissident Mr Andreas Shipanga and the creation of an electoral alliance between his Swapo democrats and the middle-of-the-road Namibian National Front (NNF) could prove to be a much more potent source of opposition to Swapo than the DTA.

The result could therefore be that Swapo will emerge as the largest party in Namibia but not have a majority in the constituent assembly. This would be a fine example of democracy at work, but would hardly provide a stable basis for the future.

For the moment, however, all parties are concentrating their attention on today's meeting of the Security Council. If the Western plan is approved—and as it has the support of the five black "front line" states and Nigeria, there seems every chance that it will be—the first phase could be under way by early August. This is the appointment by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General of a special representative to Namibia (probably Mr Martti Ahtisaari, at present head of the United Nation's Council for Namibia) and his despatch to Windhoek.

A second meeting of the Security Council would take place about a week later to hear a progress report from the special representative and to consider the all-important question of finance. Thereafter the Western plan (by then the United Nations plan) would unfold in carefully controlled stages. There would be a ceasefire in the war, which has claimed 1,000 deaths in the past 15 months, the confinement of Swapo and South African troops to base and progressive reduction of South African troops to a residual force of 1,500. A United Nations transition assistance group of some 6,000 personnel would be deployed to administer and control the territory during the transitional period until elections are held. Political prisoners would be released, exiles allowed to return and political parties would start their electoral campaigns.

Under the Western plan, independence is set for December 31 this year, a date by which South Africa has also pledged to hand over the territory. However, Western diplomats are already saying this date is no longer realistic and that independence will not take place until well into 1979. Thus there has already been one slip 'twixt cup and lip—although perhaps not a very serious one compared with some of the other problems which could arise between now and Namibia's independence.

Nicholas Ashford

Bernard Levin

Cézanne: one hundred pieces of the jigs



Detail from Cézanne's The Bathers, the centrepiece of the series: a study in an almost infinite range of blues.

Why do I always leave exhibitions to the last minute? Almost literally the last minute, sometimes, far again and again I have rushed to a gallery on the closing day itself. I suppose it is part of my belief (itself, I imagine, one of the occupational delusions of a journalist) that anything that is not due to happen within the next week is never going to happen at all; most exhibitions are on for a considerable time, some of the bigger ones for many months, and the comfortable feeling that there is no hurry persists, in my case, until there is a hurry, and in some cases a hurry of heart-attack dimensions.

So it was again last week, when *Cézanne: Les dernières années*, which had been on show in Paris, at the Grand Palais, since April, closed its doors on Sunday. I squeezed through those closing doors on the Wednesday, not at all comforted by the fact that several *million* equally foolish virgins were in the same plight, and emerged a couple of hours later, hot, crushed, elbowed and stepped on... But on my banner there was a strange device: *vaut le voyage*. For this survey of the final insatiably creative decade of one of the greatest of modern painters (surely there is none to equal him between the death of Turner and the prime of Picasso) was among the most powerful and inspiriting experiences I have ever had at an exhibition, last week or first, and I stepped out into the sunshine of the Avenue Winston Churchill (before, naturally, nipping round the corner to the Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt for lunch at Lasserre) with a heart as high as if I had just heard *Figaro*.

The difficulties involved in putting together these mighty exhibitions [illegible] were just over 100 paintings in this one, each of them worth a shaikh's ransom in insurance money alone) are now almost insuperable; more and more, galleries are concentrating on choice selections rather than comprehensive surveys, and the inevitability of this trend is made sharply clear in the introduction to the Cézanne catalogue, which reveals that the man responsible for it, Mr William Rubin of the New York Museum of Modern Art, had the idea *in 1952*.

Ideally, of course, the difficulties should be ignored, and all artists seen in this kind of profusion; not just profusion, mind, but this kind. For the most striking single aspect of the exhibition was the effect of the repetition of familiar Cézanne themes seen for once not with a representative example on the wall and the range of its fellows in the mind's eye but with the whole series hung simultaneously, each now to be compared in the flesh with its fellows. It is well known that Cézanne painted groups of bathers; but have you ever seen seven of these at once, shown in an arc on a single stretch of the wall of a round room, with two single nudes thrown in for good measure? Nobody who doesn't know that Cézanne was fascinated by the Montagne Sainte-Victoire, which he could see from his garden, will be reading this column, but how many of those who do have ever seen 19 of his pictures of it in one

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place? And it is the same with the portraits, the still-lifes, the studies of rocks, the Chateau-Noir: to see such an artist at work—to see him almost literally—playing a series of variations on a theme in this fashion is to be brought as near to the heart of the mystery of artistic creation as it is possible to get.

It is also possible, at an exhibition of this kind, to see again the difference between a real artist and the *marchands d'ordure* I was writing about the other day. No man can help not having genius, let alone the genius of a Cézanne, but every man can choose either to throw everything he has and is into the effort to turn the best of which he is capable into something better than his best, or to sit rubbing his lack of talent against his conviction that capitalism ought to be overthrown and demanding to be recognized as an artist on the strength of the resultant *wisp of smoke*.

Brother, the tail hangs down behind! For these sets of variations that Cézanne painted are not even the equivalent of a painters' notebook, let alone a composer's. There were a few sketches in the exhibition, generally hung next to the work based upon them, but most of the pictures, oils and water-colours alike, were fully finished creations. (Fully? No, never fully, for it is the way of genius never to feel that any achievement is complete, and Cézanne went on working at the mountain or the apples or the human faces because he felt that just one more try, one more search, one more heaving-up of his very soul, would bring him safe to shore. At the same time, of course, he knew he would never see that shore, and at the same time as *that* he knew that he had been born to go on rowing towards it until he died.)

So if you leave the genius out of it altogether, you are left with the effort, and it is the effort with which Mr Cork's friends dispense and Mrs [illegible]'s husband did not. *Laborare est orare*; if you take it as I do, that a true artist's work is prayer in, about, as literal a sense as may be, then Cézanne, when he finished one study of trees and turned to another, was reaching into the heart of his own mystery—a mystery, to be sure, that was as completely mysterious to him as it is to us:

> Men must endure
> Their going hence, even as their coming hither.
> *Ripeness is all.*

There is that ripeness in Cézanne, or rather in his striving, and a hundred times, as I went round and round the four rooms of the Grand Palais devoted to it, it leaped out at me. At the end, of course, I was no nearer Cézanne's particular I had been at the you can talk about the harmony, the fi the astonishing ab somewhere by ga away from it (if stick your face a from some of the o I swear you would what picture you w at even if you owne it hung at the end so magical—almost as the same qual Gogh—is his transf the sum of the pa altogether different in the end all you is "These pictures feelings that I shar whole human race, feelings tell me, an cannot fully compre meaning, what the the human race is genius exists to serv

I propped the cata the table at lunch, colour reproduction, the greatest masterp exhibition, a still-lif and oranges from t Pauwe, and when the asked if I wanted a waved at the picture if he had had his him, he would have l both a calvados and Marnier, or perhaps wits even more seri him than that, and my satisfied gesture hundred Cézannes in ing, and a reminder them to accompany *poulet aux écrevisses* Now good digestion appetite!

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LONDON DIARY

New rooms for Isis by the Thames

Bedjmes is going to change places with Wahibre. Now there is an incantation as magical as Usumcasane and Theridamas riding in triumph through Persepolis. The Egyptian Sculpture Gallery at the British Museum is going to be redesigned and reorganized.

There has been uproar from Victorian sentimentalists at a rumour that the gallery is going to lose its traditional Pompeian blush. There are two things to say about that. The gallery was opened in 1833, so it is not Victorian but William IV or Guillaumian. And it emerges that the traditional red is not traditional but a later accretion.

A letter from Robert Smirke, the architect, has been found in the archives. He wrote: "What I should prefer myself would be no other colour than that of stone—for we have no other superfluous quantity of light in the Centre Gallery, and any other colour like that given to the Greek Rooms would be ruinously dark." Preliminary scraping shows that the gallery was originally a light tan. It did not receive the first of at least five successive different shades of ruby until the 1850s.

Moving gods

The new arrangement of the gallery, prepared by David Wade in collaboration with Harry James, the keeper of Egyptian Antiquities, will show off Smirke's majestic room better, and display the finest collection of Egyptian treasures outside Egypt more logically. The chronological sequence is being reversed to march to the music of time, so that the visitor will begin at the beginning, instead of dancing backwards up the dynasties as at present.

Egyptian sculpture needs overhead light, as from midday Ra. Reliefs and inscriptions need light from the side. Louvres are being designed to bounce the light off the ceiling on to the colossal heads of Amenophis and his friends.

Two new side galleries with low ceilings are being built as intimate homes for smaller pieces. They will be reached by platforms that will supply exciting new vistas, as well as allowing visitors to peer into the sarcophagi without attempting the world record for the standing high-jump.

The old gallery, though glorious, is suffering from exhibition fatigue. The imminent move has already enabled a vast amount of conservation to be done, with crumbling limestone behind the scenes being basted with wax like a turkey. Modern exhibition technique believes in presenting fewer objects, and explaining more.

Harry James says with the majesty of Pharaoh: "We do not want to put on a meretricious show at the expense of the intrinsic interest of the pieces. We are going to display more attractively a meaningful selection of the material in the department, and explain what it is all about."

This important diversion of the tributary of the Nile beside the Thames is going to cost £300,000, half from the Department of the Environment, and half from private patriots and institutions who recognize that it is one of the glories of the kingdom.

Should women paint?

Scratching a living by painting of the artistic sort is a hard business at the best of times. If you suffer from the doubly disgraceful disability of being a woman as well as an artist, you would be better off selling electric blankets in Madras. English public culture is more literary than visual, not very interested in modern art, and wary of women.

What ought to matter is the work of art, not the gender of the artist at the other end of the brush or chisel or blowlamp. As a piece of positive discrimination five of our finest young women artists have selected the work for the Hayward Annual, the showcase of the brightest and best new British art, which opens at the Hayward Gallery next month. They have chosen representative work of 16 women and seven men, so exposing themselves to attack by male artists for being feminist, and by female chauvinists for choosing any men at all.

The five artists are: Gillian Wise Ciobotaru, a constructi-



vist in the historic line of the school stretching back to the Russian Revolution; Kim Lim, a non-figurative sculptor of strong but delicate shapes in wood; Liliane Liju, a kinetic sculptor who works with light and movement; Rita Donagh, a painter who works with a visual motif and a political commitment; and Tess Jaray, an abstract painter of structural rhythms and counter-rhythms, with a feeling for light.

It is an intolerable wrestle with words and meanings to translate the visual into the literal, without recourse to the hermetic and slovenly jargon of modern art. Tess Jaray, delicious lady, says: "Art has no gender. But women have to be given a chance to show their work. I look forward to the next generation, which will not find it in any way interesting that most of the work in an exhibition is by women." I look forward to their show, forgetting that old unforgettable sex.

I can see that it is ultracrepidarianism in me. Now there is a fine knock-down word for you, which I have been trying to inveigle past the sub editors for many moons, Apelles. But have you noticed the confusion that we are getting ourselves into over disbar, to the impoverishment of the language? For example, an ecclesiastical scribe scribbled the other day that in certain unlikely circumstances the Queen would "forever be disbarred from the Throne".

The patient lexicographers indeed record an obsolete use of disbar in the sense of debar from 1598. But since then we have established a useful distinction, by which disbar is reserved to mean to expel somebody from the Bar; to deprive her of the status and privileges of a barrister. There are no conceivable circumstances in which the Bar Council would do so unkind a thing to the Queen. Let us attempt to debar this otiose new use of disbar before it is too late.

Art saved

Glad tidings of great joy from the finest private collection of Old Master paintings in London, and indeed the country: the Dulwic has drawn the line at some of its reserve co survive.

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Basil Greenhill, chai the gallery committe "We are going to p vigorous policy to m gallery central to the life of the nation." It is, with Rembrandt, Raphael, and the rest immortal first division iar from ten thousand ductions, greeting you friends from every wall.

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AN ECONOMIC PRISON

Today's debate on the Government's pay policy will divide both the Labour and Conservative parties, though no doubt tolerable formulas will be found to reduce the apparent discrepancies. The Labour left are opposed to incomes policies because they believe that they tend to operate against the interest of trade unionists, or because they regard them as a prop for a social order they want to pull down and rebuild.

The Conservatives are divided between those who accept incomes policies as necessary to avoid rapid wage inflation and those who oppose incomes policies on monetarist and liberal grounds. The opponents of incomes policies regard control of the money supply as the only effective way to control incomes, and the free market as the only liberal way to determine incomes, so that each man is free to test his own value in the market and to try to raise it.

The division in the Conservative Party is the more interesting. It cannot usefully be described as one between right and left; it is between those Conservatives who trace their intellectual history back to English liberalism and those who trace theirs back to Burkean ideas of the community. It is a division between liberal Conservatives and tory Conservatives, and there is nothing but confusion to be gained by classifying either as to the left or right of the other.

Historic roots

Both traditions have their roots in the seventeenth century. The tories are the descendants of the royalists who fought for King Charles I. Their ideas are paternalist and interventionist; they support the authority of the state and support also what they regard as the sacred values of the community. Pure tories are hard to find, but it is clear that the "moderates" are Disraelian tories at heart. Sir Ian Gilmour, their intellectual leader, has a very gentle view of the state's responsibility, but it is essentially a tory one.

The liberal ideology descends from the parliamentary side in the civil war. It is based on Gladstone rather than Disraeli, on the English school of political and economic liberalism. It owes its basic ideology to Locke, reinforced by the doctrines of the American Declaration of Independence, and by the classical British school of economists, Locke, Adam Smith, Ricardo, Mill, Marshall and certainly the young Keynes. It has been reinforced by von Hayck and the Viennese school. Whereas toryism looks at the individual from the point of view of his obligations to society, liberalism looks at society from the point of view of the liberty of the individual. As John Stuart Mill wrote, "a State which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands even for beneficial purposes—will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished."

In the nineteenth century this division was the great issue of British politics. Conservatives, like Peel and Gladstone, who became converted to liberal economic ideas, found themselves repudiated or forced into the Liberal Party. Liberals, like Joseph Chamberlain, who believed that empire was more important than personal liberty, found themselves forced into the arms of the Conservatives. In the twentieth century the position has changed. The issue is one of socialism, which both ideological tories and ideological liberals agree to reject. Nevertheless, tories are nearer to socialism, since they share a relatively high view of the proper role of the state. It is the pure liberal whose opposition to socialism is total and unqualified.

Liberal stand

The situation is further complicated by the survival of a Liberal Party which is no longer liberal in ideology. Under Mr Steel's leadership, and given Mr Pardoe's views on economic policy, the Liberals have become an interventionist party. Their intellectual position is broadly that of the social democrats in the rest of Europe; it is a perfectly respectable position, but it is nowhere near classical liberalism, with which modern Liberals have little connexion but their name.

There are, therefore, five fractions to be considered in English politics. There are the true socialists who want to take still further the advancement of working class power, the development of state intervention and forced egalitarianism. Joined with them in the Labour Party are social democrats like Mr Callaghan, who want to run as well as possible the socialist state that has already been created but do not want to change it very much. Then there are the Liberals who, whatever they say, share the basic attitudes of the Prime Minister, though they differ from him on some quite significant secondary points.

Then in the Conservative Party there are the tories, who accept the basic structure of the state, but certainly wish to reform it in a more open direction. Joined to the tories there are the liberal Conservatives who believe that liberty has been greatly reduced, and should be restored. They alone question the basic character of the socialist state in which we live. They regard it as inefficient because it violates economic principles, and immoral because it violates liberty. Whereas moderate Conservatives dislike socialism and wish to adapt it, liberal Conservatives detest socialism and wish to replace it with freedom.

This liberal movement, or libertarian movement as it is called in the United States, is not confined to Britain. It put the present Government of Australia in power. Proposition thirteen in California was a victory for the libertarian idea of the American South and West, where it is already the most interesting intellectual development and is a powerful new political force as well. In the British Conservative Party Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph both belong to this liberal wing. What is more important, Mrs Thatcher became leader of the Conservative Party because she belonged to it. It is true that this political and economic liberalism is matched in many Conservatives by a sympathy for popular attitudes to subjects such as immigration, crime and punishment, a combination which probably adds to its political strength but sometimes detracts from its logical consistency.

Election issue

This concept of liberty can scarcely fail to become a central issue of the General Election. The present Government claim the right to determine the whole economic condition of every family. They claim to determine through incomes policy what income each man and woman can earn. They claim to determine through extremely severe income taxes what fraction of that state controlled income the man who earned it can keep. They claim to determine through capital transfer tax what capital can be passed in the family. Taken together these claims are destructive not only of efficiency, because they destroy incentive, but put each citizen in an economic prison, of which the Government holds the key; he ceases to be a free man and in too many cases ceases to think like a free man. Those who reject the claims of democratic socialism can best do so from the viewpoint of a liberal criticism of such a society. It is only in the liberal section of the Conservative Party that such a liberal criticism is now to be found.

WHY THE DOLLAR PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED

When the leaders of the western industrial world held their summit meeting earlier this month at Bonn, the largely unspoken background to their discussion was the continuing weakness of the dollar. Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard have almost admitted that the impetus for their initiative towards a European monetary union is fundamentally a reaction to the continuous fall in the value of the dollar and the instability in international exchange markets that this has produced.

The period since the Bonn summit has seen the dollar under renewed pressure, with the price of gold rising equally sharply in the usual reaction to uncertainty in currency markets. The markets have shown understandable scepticism about official American statements of concern for the currency; about the likely impact of central bank interventions to support the dollar; and about the likely scope and timing of President Carter's energy programme.

The continued slide of the dollar is without question placing an increasingly serious strain on the international economic system. It is augmenting the current account surpluses of countries like Japan and West Germany, as their currencies correspondingly revalue. At the same time it is making it more difficult for them to produce the growth in real terms required to bring the industrial world as a whole out of its recession. It is increasing protectionist pressures in countries which are unable to compete with the devalued dollar. It is undermining the moderates within the oil producing countries, who have been fighting against another substantial increase in the dollar price of oil.

While a growing number of influential Americans accept that the effects of this trend are destabilizing and undermining American authority as the natural leader of the western alliance, the situation has not yet deteriorated to the point where it has produced domestic political pressures on the President to take the necessary action to stop it. On the contrary, most of the political pressures are still working in the opposite direction. The great bulk of American public opinion still is more frightened of economic policies that might stop growth than of the fall in the national currency. Equally, there is no public and Congressional support for the measures necessary to end the disastrous American dependence on imported Middle East oil.

In the short term, this policy of "benign neglect" will probably be followed by a strengthening of the dollar. Within the next six to nine months, as credit is made tighter, the United States is likely to slip itself into recession. The effect of such a development on the rest of the industrial world in real terms will be serious. On the narrow currency front, however, the dollar is bound to strengthen as a result.

In anything but the shortest term, however, such an improvement in the position of the dollar is not really significant. For the Carter administration, like its predecessors, declines to face the real dollar problem. This centres on the fact that the dollar is carrying an international reserve role out of proportion to the relative size of the American economy in the industrial world as a whole. In other words, there are simply more dollars around in the world than people want to hold in their portfolios. Until something is done to change this underlying imbalance, the dollar will be under continual long-term pressure.

Change in international monetary affairs only comes in response to crisis. Clearly, President Carter does not consider that the crisis has yet reached the proportions necessary for him to grasp this particular financial and political nettle. If the dollar strengthens temporarily in the first half of next year, there will be no increased pressure on him to do so. At some time in the next five years, however, the crisis will return in an intensified form and the problem will have to be faced directly.

There are any number of technical ways in which this could be done, many of which have been examined in the context of the International Monetary Fund. In one form or another, however, they all come down to some kind of funding for the unwanted dollar balances. Holders of unwanted dollars will have to be offered some other, non-depreciating financial asset (or equivalent guarantee for continuing to hold dollars), which the United States will have to fund over a period of, say, half a century. Without some such move, exchange rate stability is a chimera.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implementing an incomes policy

From Mr Reginald Maudling, MP for Barnet, Chipping Barnet (Conservative)

Sir, May I be permitted three comments on your important Leader of Saturday, July 22, "A Clear Choice on Incomes"?

You say, "The battle against inflation should be won by sound and traditional monetary and fiscal policies, combined with firm guide lines for wage settlements in those parts of the economy where the Government is the effective employer". I seem to recall that when this was last tried it was known as "The public tail wagging the private dog". It was not a great success.

Second, you go on to say that "Under the guise of a policy against inflation the Government is proposing a fundamental change in the nature and balance of our society. The fact should be plainly recognized." But it isn't a fact. The policy is designed to redress a fundamental change that has already taken place, namely, the growth of monopoly power in the hands of unions, and even more important, the growth of their consciousness of that power. I do not think you would disagree that so long as there is a danger of any monopoly of capital any government should have a policy to deal with it. Why does this not apply in your view to a monopoly of labour?

Finally, Sir, would you re-read your excellent Leader of May 20, of which I had the temerity to say, in a letter to you of May 24, that I had never seen a better exposition of the need to supplement proper demand management with a permanent Incomes Policy.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MAUDLING,
House of Commons.
July 24.

From Lord Torrington

Sir, I note that the Government have today (June 21) announced a five per cent norm for wage increases and implied a continuance of the policy of sanctions against private sector companies which breach this norm.

I would be most interested to hear the Government state publicly how it proposes to apply its sanctions. In particular, it occurs to me that there might well be two companies bidding for a government contract where one, a breacher of the wage norm, substantially underbids the other, which has abided by the norm.

As a tax payer who works for the Government at least three out of every five days of the week, I would be extremely upset to see my efforts being squandered on subsidizing the latter company whose obvious inefficiency is demonstrated by the fact that, notwithstanding its failure to pay its work force their due, it is unable to come up with a competitive price for its product or service.

I cannot believe that any thinking trade unionist with an eye to a sensible wage settlement would hold a different view.

Yours faithfully,
TORRINGTON,
67/68 Jermyn Street, SW1.
July 21.

From Mr Edward F. Northcote

Sir, The continuing debate between you and Mr Godley is sterile.

It is now nine years since I realized that the UK economy was inevitably heading for a major prolonged recession, and although I was wrong in my forecast of the rate at which unemployment would rise, nobody then thought it would get to 1.5 million. The effect of the rise in the price of oil must surely now have been absorbed, and there is no way North Sea oil can now be expected to increase employment over the next 15 years, though it will have other advantageous effects.

What has happened since the war has been that with employment so high, labour has got too powerful, and profits have been squeezed to such low levels that the necessary wealth to create new investment is not available. This process has been assisted by the industrial mergers which have destroyed much of the healthy competition that previously existed. That is no doubt why Mr Murray opposed Mr Hattersley's proposals to examine mergers in a different way. Unions find it easier to get higher money wages out of monopolies than out of competing firms. But he was being short-sighted. Competing firms between them produce more wealth than monopolies, and the lion's share of this wealth must eventually find its way to labour.

This process has been masked by inflation. The *real* vice of inflation is that it makes it more difficult to perceive economic reality, and consequently people behave in a way that is against their own best interests.

But the economy is now in such a perilously weak and imbalanced condition that any measures that would effectively stop inflation would undoubtedly precipitate a substantial rise in unemployment. I would regard this with some equanimity, because the unemployment is inevitably going to come one day in the not too far distant future, and it may well be better to have it sooner rather than later.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. We have experienced these long-term recessions several times before. They have changed attitudes and behaviour in different ways, but have always been succeeded by periods of prosperity that have lasted just as long. I am due to retire in 1999, and am looking forward to a very comfortable old age before I die.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE,
91 Cottenham Park Road, SW20.
July 20.

Lessons for West in dissident trials

From Mr Robert Conquest

Sir, One of the charges against Alexander Ginzburg is of distributing copies of my book *The Great Terror*. This is regarded as "slander" against the Soviet state. But the book was a careful attempt to reconstruct the truth about the Stalin purges, and was so recognised by reviewers right and left ("meticulous", *New Statesman*; "definitive", *Tribune*). Nor were the actual crimes recorded any worse than some of those publicly exposed by Khrushchev and others in the early sixties.

In qualifying such a record of events as "slander" the Soviet leaders make themselves defenders of the crimes of Stalin and Stalinism—not only his heirs but also, to this day, his accomplices. When, in February, 6,000 of the Soviet elite heartily applauded two favourable references to Stalin in a major speech by Marshal Ustinov, they were declaring that allegiance.

The lesson to us in the West is clear. The free movement of people and ideas seen at Helsinki as a necessary component of progress to a stable peace has not been achieved, to put it mildly. The Kremlin's action against those in its power who seek to sustain the principles of truth and of freedom is a declaration of the motivations of the whole of Soviet policy, foreign as well as domestic. What they do to Ginzburg is what they would do to all of us if they had the chance, and their fundamental foreign policy aim is to get that chance. The lessons for our own foreign policy are obvious.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT CONQUEST,
Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace,
Stanford,
California.
July 12.

From Mr Andrei Sinyavsky and Mr Igor Golomshtok

Sir, In the accounts of the trials of Alexander Ginzburg and Anatoly Shcharansky published in your paper on July 14 last, it was said that the Soviet judge had mitigated Ginzburg's punishment as he had "taken into account Mr Ginzburg's two small children and his cooperation with the authorities in gathering evidence against Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, a fellow Helsinki Group member".

Such a statement (which is not mentioned in the official TASS reports) can give a false impression in the minds of your readers of, firstly, the "humanism" of the Soviet court and, secondly, an ambiguous behaviour by Ginzburg during the trial. Having known Ginzburg personally and having followed the public life of this courageous and irreproachable person for 20 years, we can testify that there can be absolutely no question of his cooperation with the Soviet punitive organs in any form whatsoever.

The words of the Soviet judge could only have meant the following: Ginzburg found himself in the situation of a witness for the prosecution against Shcharansky in the same way as Yuli Daniel found himself being a "witness" against Sinyavsky and Sinyavsky against Daniel during their joint trial (in February, 1966), and in the same way Golomshtok's wife found herself being a "witness" against her husband during his trial (in May, 1966). All these "witnesses" confirmed what the defendants themselves had been saying continuously during the investigation. According to Soviet legal practice, the testimony of the defendant is not proof of his guilt, and, for example, in the verdict in the case of I. Golomshtok, the precise following words were included: "On the basis of testimonial evidence of N.K. (his wife), the guilt of I.G. has been established. . . ."

Only such a formal moment could have been used by the Soviet judge in his final speech. His statement about the evidence given by Ginzburg against Shcharansky (if such a statement was made) is only testimony of the Soviet authorities' decision to destroy Ginzburg physically and smear him morally, and in this manner cause a division within the opposition movement in the USSR in order to destroy it from within.

Concerning the "humanism" of the Soviet court, his third sentence of eight years' hard labour in a special régime camp, as punishment for a charge under a political article, speaks for itself.

Respectfully yours,
ANDREI SINYAVSKY,
IGOR GOLOMSHTOK,
Fontenau-aux-Roses,
France.
July 19.

The political weeklies

From Professor Norman MacKenzie

Sir, As one of Kingsley Martin's collaborators in the "silver age" of the political weeklies may I add a comment to Anthony Howard's article (July 22) on their decline?

The *New Statesman*, certainly, was written by and for what Shaw long ago called "downstarts" or "intellectual proletarians"—persons of genteel and educated origin who identified with the deprived masses of Poplar, Pontypool and the Punjab. Whether Fabian in politics (the front half of the *New Statesman*) or Bloomsbury in culture (the back half) such people managed to combine the life styles of the middle class with the principles of socialism, and for its first 50 years the *New Statesman* exemplified that paradox and thrived upon it.

Times have changed. Contemporary "downstarts" have found other causes (ecology replaces poverty) folk heroes (Che Guevara replaces Nehru) and voices (*Private Eye*, various *Dwarfs*, *Moles* and other exemplars of the fashionable underground). No change of editor, format or contents would have enabled the *New Statesman* to compete in that left wing market. And the older readership dies off, and before it dies it moves to the right. Many of those for whom the *New Statesman* was once indispensable reading have come to dislike the world that has been shaped by their youthful notions of socialism, trade unionism, colonial liberation and equality; perhaps, as Mr Howard implies, they have reappeared among all those additional readers of the *Economist*.

The larger question—of which the decline of the *New Statesman* is only an expression—is what has happened to the middle-class reform movement which emerged in Victorian England, and in this century broke out in such surges as the elections of 1906 and 1945, and such extra party movements as the Poor Law, Popular Front, Suez and CND campaigns. Has it been destroyed by its own success in attacking the sources of middle class life?

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN MACKENZIE,
School of Education,
Education Development Building,
University of Sussex,
Brighton.
July 22.

Defending personal liberty

From Mrs Diana Spearman

Sir, Mr Steel's attempt (July 15) to counter Professor Hayek's views (July 11) about the source of the existing threat to liberty is hardly adequate; apart from his sneers at "academic comforts", unworthy of the seriousness of the subject and the distinction of Professor Hayek himself.

Mr Steel's position rests on a confusion between two different things—liberty and economic security and economic equality. At least this is what I assume is the basis of his remark "that for many of our citizens . . . 'Liberty' is at present but a sham unreachable condition". Many left-wing politicians apparently believe that to include in the concept of liberty every other desirable attribute of a social system somehow eliminates the conflict which may, and at times does, arise between liberty and other goods.

If the possibility of such conflict is denied, people are being deceived, either deliberately or from muddle headedness, and the possibility of rational discussion of the issues is destroyed. One may hold that liberty is more important than economic security or that economic security is more important than liberty, and as long as the two things are kept distinct, people can choose which they prefer, or even the amounts of each they wish to have. If however they are told that with equality of income or economic security, liberty will be not only retained but enhanced, the basis of reasonable decision is undermined.

It is becoming more and more plain, as Professor Hayek has long argued, that democracy does not automatically ensure freedom, indeed that unlimited democracy may be as great a threat to individual liberty as other forms of unlimited government.

I remain, etc.,
DIANA SPEARMAN,
7 Lord North Street, SW1.

From Mr R. W. Baldwin

Sir, Mr Steel's sharp reply (July 15) to Professor Hayek (July 11) itself invites a riposte.

The liberty which men applaud and seek is not unlimited, including liberty to murder, rob and oppress, but equal liberty, ie to live in peace provided they allow others to do the same. Democracy in the sense of majority government with universal suffrage is certainly no guarantee of equal liberty. That great liberal L. S. Mill said over a century ago that it can be as tyrannical as any autocrat. If the majority believe that the oppression of a minority is in their interest, they are very liable to oppress.

Hence Professor Hayek's reference to limited democracy, ie democracy whose powers are limited by a written constitution or otherwise to ensure that equal liberty is safeguarded. The great problem is how to interpret equality of liberty in relation to economic life, which by definition is concerned with scarcity.

How is wealth, created by work applied to materials, to be distributed—by the equity of rewarding effort and skill through the market, which subject to necessary controls is likely to maximize satisfaction, or by distribution equally or according to need? Should the raw resources be available equally (by public ownership or otherwise) between individuals and nations, and what about the benefits of discovery, invention, organization and machinery to which some by skill, effort and thrift may have contributed more than others? When these questions have been answered (so forming our definition of "social justice"), what about generosity, fraternity, mutual help *etc* and how far should the state go in this field?

Professor Hayek, I surmise, advocates a democracy limited in the sense above, aiming at equality of liberty, including the controlled liberty of a market economy, but aiming also at equality of opportunity, and at public care for the less fortunate in so far as private solidarity falls short. He and Mrs Thatcher believe that in recent years the pendulum in the United Kingdom has swung too far away from such a compromise in the direction of regimentation, excessive taxation, stifling of individual responsibility and initiative. It would be helpful to know where the Liberals would strike their own balance.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BALDWIN,
Penn,
Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

A report from Rhodesia

From Mr Ronald M. Bell, QC, MP for Beaconsfield (Conservative)

Sir, I must protest, as I am sure that most readers of *The Times* will wish to protest, against the presentation of a highly controversial article on Rhodesia today (July 24), written by a Mr James Wilkie.

Headlined at the top of the front page of *The Times*, it appeared to be an ordinary news report by a *Times* correspondent, and I read it as such with increasing astonishment and incredulity. One is unhappily accustomed to anti-white bias in much of the reporting on Rhodesia, but not to such wishful thinking by someone so bitterly hostile to the Rhodesian Government as one encountered in this splenetic effusion.

Only at the end did one discover that this was a contributed article of which the author was the African Secretary of the British Council of Churches. Had that information been given at the beginning, instead of at the foot of a continuation column on page 5, where many might never reach it, there would have been no need to read the article at all for anyone who takes the view that the World Council of Churches and the British Council of Churches do not see events in Africa with a clear or impartial eye.

Detailed refutation of Mr Wilkie's conclusions would be a waste of time. The important thing is to know from whom they come. And as a life long reader of *The Times* I am deeply disturbed by the headlining and presentation of this contribution. Do they mean that *The Times* itself is not seeing Rhodesia with a clear and impartial eye?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RONALD M. BELL,
House of Commons.

Warwick Castle contents

From Miss Priscilla Greville

Sir, I believe W. H. C. Lambton's letter (July 19) in response to your leading article (July 17) on Warwick Castle to be totally misconceived. It is not a question of whether the contents "might look their best at Warwick as they were presumably acquired to complement the castle". The important pieces are there because they were part of Warwick's own history; the coronation portrait of Elizabeth I because of her connexion with the Dudleys, the Canalettos for obvious reasons, the armoury and the archives because they were the contemporary statements of the castle's and the family's part in English history.

Mr Lambton has also confused the questions of wealth and historic importance. Of course a case can be made that a large accumulation of wealth made within a small country must in some sense be the property of the people, but this was not the tenor of the article. No objection was being made to the large sale of lands which enabled Lord Warwick to live abroad—which would be the real comparison with the sale of Mr Lambton's Metamec alarm clock.

In the past the justification for the position of power and privilege of the aristocracy was indeed, as Mr Lambton suggests, the responsibility they discharged to the country and people in, among other ways, the exercise of leadership in war. Today it is perhaps shown partly in the preservation of historically unique institutions such as Warwick Castle. All great families were brought up to believe that they were in a sense custodians more than beneficiaries: most families have behaved magnificently, which makes Lord Brooke's destruction of Warwick Castle as an historic institution all the more lamentable.

Many families have battled on against hopeless odds, against punitive taxes and ungrateful governments. They do so because they (and I) are indeed aware of the stature of our forefathers, and of our duty to the history that they left us.

As far as money as such is concerned—there is a considerable difference between "need" and "want". It would be rather hard to make out a very good case for any family to "need" more than 5 million pounds for their own personal use.

Do not insult me, Mr Lambton. I come forward in great sadness, holding the once proud—and humble banner of my ancestors—"I scarcely call these things our own".

Yours faithfully,
PRISCILLA GREVILLE,
Queen Anne House,
14 Market Square,
Milton Keynes.

Nationalization poll

From Mr T. F. Thompson

Sir, According to the Parliamentary Report (July 11) in *The Times*, both the Prime Minister and Mrs Thatcher made reference to our latest poll on nationalization. If the Prime Minister is correctly reported, he seemed to be implying that, though nationalization is very unpopular, the National Enterprise Board is a much favoured institution with a great future.

A great future it may have, but favoured by the public it is not. If I may use your columns for the purpose, I would like to release a new figure from the same poll which showed that only 3 per cent of voters have a great deal of confidence in the National Enterprise Board, and only a further 20 per cent have quite a lot of confidence in it.

Yours sincerely,
T. F. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Opinion Research Centre,
30 Welbeck Street, W1.
July 12.

Henry Moore in the Park

From Mr Humphrey Brooke

Sir, Mr Roy Miles and Mr Nigel Dyckhoff (July 19) suggest a permanent memorial to Mr Moore's undoubted "genius". Why a "memorial" to a man still happily creative? The Albert Memorial near the proposed site and the Churchill Memorial in Parliament Square followed the usual procedure of being planned after their subject's demise. To honour even Henry Moore in his lifetime by the "permanent" display of one of his works is to risk future vicissitudes in taste.

At Mells in Somerset the local War Memorial (for 1914-18) takes the form of a life size cavalry officer on horseback created and modelled by the late Sir Alfred Munnings. Although personally I admire this work there are many, including perhaps Mr Dyckhoff, who do not. Such are the inevitable variations in taste—reflected in "art history".

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY BROOKE,
8 Pelham Crescent, SW7.

Irrevocable vows

From Canon Peter Bostock

Sir, It has always surprised me that while the Church of England recognizes the possibility in certain circumstances of release from the vows of a monastic order, or of ordination, where in both cases there has been prolonged spiritual preparation before the vows were taken, yet in the case of marriage a much harder line is taken even though the spiritual preparation of the couple concerned may have been minimal. What makes the one vow so much more binding than the others?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BOSTOCK,
10 Moreton Road,
Summertown,
Oxford.
July 17.

Ferry to the Isles

From Mr Martin E. Simons

Sir, Mr Noel Banks drew attention (July 17) to what appears to be a questionable decision as regards the replacement of a ship to serve the Inner Hebrides.

I draw your attention to another involving expenditure of large sums of money provided in part by the European Regional Development Fund to improve car ferry facilities from Mull to Iona at the very time when proposals have been made to ban all but vitally essential motor traffic on Iona. Should we ship money from one scheme to the other?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN E. SIMONS,
24 Granard Avenue, SW15.
July 17.

Academic salaries

From Mr Michael A. Gilson

Sir, A correspondent of yours, Sir Peter Hill-Norton (July 11) suggests that the contribution of judges, military men and civil servants is so much greater than that of persons in the academic world.

Indeed? Are not accountancy, law, engineering, architecture, science and medicine taught at academic institutions? These faculties produce graduates, the lack of whom would paralyze the country. Why, then, should the people who teach them not be considered great social benefactors?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL A. GILSON,
Polytechnic of Central London,
35 Marylebone Road.
July 11.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 24: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at a Reception at St James's Palace given by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants.
The Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 24: The Duke of Gloucester was present at a performance of The Royal Tournament, Earls Court, this evening.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 24: Princess Alexandra, with the Hon Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon opened a purpose-built caravan and camping site for physically handicapped and able-bodied young people at Avon Tyrrell, the Training Centre of the National Association of Youth Clubs near Bransgore, Hampshire.
Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.
The Lady Caroline Waterhouse was in attendance.

Lord Nicholas Windsor is eight today.

The Hon Mrs James Dawnay gave birth to a son on July 24, in the Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

Birthdays today

Lord Amulree, 78; Mrs F. (Vivienne) Entwistle, 91; General Sir Richard Gale, 82; the Rev Derek Harbord, 76; Professor Sir John McMichael, 74; Dr Basil Willey, 81; the Marquess of Willingdon, 79.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Kitchen was christened Anthony Jonathan on July 23 by the Rev David Pope, at St Mary Magdalene, Rusper. The godparents are Mr Michael Connell, Mr Harry Sparks, Miss Jean Thomson and Mrs David Wright.

Today's engagements

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh give garden party, Buckingham Palace, 4-6.
Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips attend the Royal Tournament, 7.20.
Princess Margaret, as president, Royal Ballet, attends gala performance, *The Sleeping Beauty*, Royal Opera House, 7.20.
Exhibitions: The Royal Family, London Museum, 10-6. Young East German photographers, Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, Hampstead, 11-6. Overlord Embroidery, Poster Tun Room, Chiswell Street, 10-4.30.
Recitals: Delmé String Quartet, Bishops gate Hall; 1.05. Wolfgang Oehms, organ, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.
Talks: Organization women, Mary Stott, Museum of London, 1.10.
Henry Moore, The human image, Tate Gallery, 1.
Readings: Richard Adams reads Saki and narrative poems, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05.
Air display, RAF, Church Fenton, Tadcaster.
Walk: Ghosts of the City, meet St Paul's Station, 7.30.

Marriages

Mr C. C. St J. Rushton and Dr B. E. A. Mounsey
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 22, between Mr Christopher Rushton, of Bedford, son of Mr and Mrs John Rushton, and Dr Barbara Mounsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs John G. Mounsey, of Oxton, Birkenhead.

Mr N. G. D. Sorby and Dr S. M. M. Eastcott
The marriage took place on Saturday July 1, at All Souls', Langham Place, between Mr Nicholas Geoffrey Dare Sorby and Dr Sheila Mary Mitrell Eastcott.

M V. Tarakanoff and Miss G. Raber
The marriage took place at Brighton on July 24 between M Vladimir Tarakanoff and Miss Gay Raber, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Raber.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir George Sharp to be a member of the Royal Commission on Legal Services in Scotland, in succession to the late Mr G. M. Shaw.
Mr David Mawson, chairman, British Association of Friends of Museums, to be president, World Federation of Friends of Museums, for a further three years.

Prospective candidate

Mrs Marion Roe, Deputy Chief Whip of the majority party on the Greater London Council, to be prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Barking, which is held by Miss Josephine Richardson (Lab) with a majority of 16,290.

Lord Blease

The life barony conferred on Mr W. J. Blease, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Blease, of Cromac in the city of Belfast.

Bravery awards

Flight-Lieutenant B. J. M. Limb has been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal, and Senior Aircraftsman M. G. Watt the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, for bravery after an air crash at RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Bond, Mr Charles Howard, of Lichfield, metal merchant £188,085
Broderick, Mr Patrick Joseph, of Derby £132,357
Colwell, Mr Clive Kear, of Westminster, consulting chemist £187,430
Johnston, Mr Francis Geoffrey, of Rotherham, auctioneer £170,666
Mew, Mr John Albert, of Tenterden, engineer £131,197
Rayner, Mr William, of Amersham, manufacturing chemist £307,234

Chartered Secretaries' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J. F. Phillips; Senior Warden, Mr S. J. S. Eley, Junior Warden, Mr T. E. D. Mason.

Arts Council vacancies

The Arts Council, which has vacancies on its advisory panels and committees, is inviting applications from people qualified to advise on art, drama, literature, music, dance, art films and community arts.

Correction

Her Majesty's Government was represented by Mrs Judith Hart, MP, at the memorial service for Mr R. L. Bradshaw on Saturday, not by Mr Evan Luard, MP, as stated yesterday.

Charles II's marriage certificate is sold

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Charles II's marriage certificate was among the offerings at Sotheby's yesterday. It was written in the hand of the Earl of Manchester and was included among the papers of Francisco Melo e Torres, the Portuguese Ambassador to England who negotiated the king's marriage to Catherine of Braganza. The extensive archive of papers, sent for sale by a descendant of the ambassador, brought £33,000 (estimate £30,000 to £35,000).

Francisco Melo e Torres was ambassador under Cromwell and continued after the Restoration.

The letters make clear the terms proposed for Charles II's marriage. Charles was to receive a dowry of two million cruzados, the cession of Tangiers and of Bombay and complete liberty of conscience for the English merchants. In return the ambassador asked protection for his country from Holland and Spain and for liberty of worship for Catherine of Braganza.

The papers also include an unknown and unpublished autograph letter of Andrew Marvell concerning the treaty between England and Portugal signed in 1660; Marvell and John Milton were at that time Latin secretaries to Cromwell's Council of State.

The sale of letters, manuscripts and historical documents also included a vast archive of letters, papers and diaries of Lord Carnarvon, the Victorian statesman. It includes letters from Queen Victoria, Disraeli and Gladstone among others, and was sold for £32,000 (estimate £28,000 to £35,000).

The letters patent with which Queen Mary I ("Bloody Mary") created the barony of Howard of Effingham dated March 11, 1554, was sold for £3,500 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

Among the curiosities was a bill for an Italian tailor who made a uniform for Nelson at Leghorn in 1794; it is interesting to note that Nelson paid the tailor less that he was invoiced for. The bil lwas sold yesterday for £320 (estimate £250 to £300).

A series of five letters from Wellington to his breeches-maker, Mr Weld, of Old Bond Street, dating from 1814 to 1817, went for £140 (estimate £100 to £150). The Imperial War Museum paid £460 (estimate £250 to £300) for the autograph letters, diaries and poems of Private A. F. Morley kept between 1916 and 1919 and running to about 1,500 pages of vivid description of his wartime experiences. The sale totalled £173,633, with 5 per cent unsold.

Forthcoming marriages

Colonel I. S. Drew and Mrs L. E. W. Pomeroy
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on August 12 between Colonel Ian Drew, TD, and Mrs Elsa Pomeroy, followed by a reception in London and later at Broughton.

Mr L. Fielding and Dr S. P. J. Harvey
The engagement is announced between Leslie Fielding, of The Parsonage, Germansweek, Devon, and Sally P. J. Harvey, of St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Mr I. A. C. Monson and Miss J. L. Brandenburg
The engagement is announced between Ian, second son of the late Captain C. S. Monson and Mrs V. Costagliola of St Peter's Lodge, Walpole Highway, Norfolk, and Janet, elder daughter of the late Mr H. A. Brandenburg, and Mrs Brandenburg, of Orlando, Florida, United States.

Dr M. Prola and Miss J. Cornwall-Legh
The engagement is announced between Max, only son of the late Mr J. Prola and of Mrs Prola, of New York, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Cornwall-Legh, of High Legh, Cheshire.

Mr W. A. R. Rykens and Miss S. N. Wood
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr C. L. Rykens, of Oakfield Cottage, Butlers Lane, Saffron Walden, and Mrs D. C. Walker, of Box Cottage, Upper Wield, Alresford, Hampshire, and Nichola, younger daughter of the late Mr J. A. Wood and Mrs F. A. Wood, of Kirkhouse, Biggar, Lanarkshire.

Mr N. J. Turner and Miss S. Glyn
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Turner, of Lound, Retford, Nottinghamshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hilary Glyn, of Albury, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Luncheons

Army Board
The Army Board gave a luncheon at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday, in honour of General K. M. Cariappa, former Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army. Also present were:
The High Commissioner for India, Mr Robert Brown, MP, Sir Arthur Hockaday, Lieutenant-General Sir John Stanier, General Sir Antony Read, Mr D. R. J. Stephen, Mr I. H. Johnston, Brigadier Misbah Maradas, Major-General P. R. C. Hobart, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, Mr F. H. Dean, Mr Charles Douglas-Home, Mr Miles Hudson, Mr T. H. Kerr, Mr W. K. K. White, Major N. H. H. Kealy and Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. Bradley.

Sword of Peace
Mr Denys Randolph, chairman of Wilkinson Match Limited and chairman of Wilkinson Sword Limited, was host at a luncheon held on Friday at Cutlers' Hall at which Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Defence Staff, presented the 1977 Sword of Peace Awards to units of the Armed Forces. These awards are made annually in recognition of outstanding efforts on the part of the three Services to establish friendly relationships with the communities in which they are stationed. Among those present were:
Vice-Admiral J. H. F. Eberle, General Sir Jack Harman, Air Marshal Sir John Gingell, Lieutenant-General J. C. C. Richards, RM, Mr Roy Mason, MP, Major J. N. Willoughby, RM, Major T. B. Owen, Group Captain D. Allison, Commandant Vonla McBride, WRNS, Colonel Barbara Laverack, WRAC, Group Captain Helen Renton, WRAF, Mr J. Albert, Dr B. Black, Captain D. C. Blacker, RN, Brigadier J. Brown, Mr P. Burke, Mr G. R. Christophersen, Mr M. S. Collins, Mr H. Cubitt, Mr A. G. H. Dameréll, Mr H. E. Emes, Mr D. L. Forbes, Mr D. R. Gatley, Mr I. H. G. Gilbert, Mr B. D. Goodfellow, Mr R. B. Hill, Mr K. S. G. Hinde, Colour Sergeant J. N. Kidd, RM, Mr J. K. Leslie, Mr M. Mander, Lieutenant-Colonel J. Mayo, Mr F. T. Meacock, Mr H. Osberhaus, Mr K. Payne, Sir Richard Powell, Mr J. Pilling, Mr R. J. Randolph, Dr B. Rav, Colonel A. B. N. Roade, Mr W. Reid, Sir John Richardson, Brigadier J. S. Ryder, Mr C. W. S. Saunders, Mr K. Simond, Mr J. R. Stevens, Mr F. V. Waller, Mr P. H. Watts, Mr L. J. Woolf and Mr S. H. Wright.

Dinner

Corporation of London
The chairman of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee, Mr Bernard L. Morgan, presided at a dinner held in honour of Mr Frank N. Steiner, past chairman, at Clothworkers' Hall yesterday. Among the guests were:
The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and the Sheriffs; the Brazilian Ambassador, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange, the Chairman of the GLC, the chairmen of the Thames Water Authority and the North Thames Gas Board, the Constable of the Tower of London, Sir Robert Mark, Masters of City livery companies and members and officers of the corporation.

Reception

Conservative Commonwealth and Overseas Council
Lord Carrington, president of the Conservative Commonwealth and Overseas Council, was host at a reception held in the House of Lords yesterday and was the guest speaker at a meeting held later in the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Peter Blaker, MP. Among those present were:
Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; Mr Colin Turner (chairman, CCOC), and Mrs Turner, Mr David Bagnall (deputy chairman), Mrs Edward de la Motte (honorary secretary), Sir Graham Rowlandson (honorary treasurer); Viscount Eccles, Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel, Baroness Young, Lord and Lady Merrivale, Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Mr John Davies, MP, Mr Julian Amery, MP, and Mrs Amery, the Hon Isabel Catto, Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, and Lady Fisher, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Frederick Bennett, MP, and Lady Bennett, Sir Olaf Caroe, Sir Edgar Keatinge, Lady (Molly) Huggins, Mr Richard Luce, MP, and Mrs Luce, Mr Peter Tapsell, MP, and Mrs Tapsell, Mr Alan Smith, Mr and Mrs Anthony Garner, Rear-Admiral Morgan Morgan-Giles, MP, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, Colonel Kenneth Cantlie, Major-General and Mrs Denys Buckle, Mr and Mrs Peregrine Fellowes, Mr and Mrs Paul Lewis, Mr and Mrs Michael Laing, Brigadier and Mrs R. G. Lewthwaite, Mr and Mrs Rodney Stebbing, Mr and Mrs James Moorhouse and Mr A. E. Turner, QC, and Mrs Turner.

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Foreign aid cut

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, July 23.—Republican members of the House of Representatives last night rebuffed President Eisenhower's eleventh-hour attempt to prevent a $1,120,050,575 cut in the foreign aid programme. By a vote of 288 to 115 the House passed and sent to the Senate an appropriation totalling $4,438,678,000. President Eisenhower had told his news conference just before the House began its debate on the foreign aid measure that the appropriations committee had cut too deeply into his foreign aid programme already, and that he hoped that the funds would be restored. Although his words were insistently repeated on the floor of the House they had no noticeable effect and were ignored by the Republican leadership which stood behind the committee's recommendations to cut $800m alone from the military aid funds to help free governments to resist Communist aggression. In the House, sitting as a legislative committee during the voting on amendments most Democrats supported the restoration of cuts ordered by the appropriations committee. However, they were no match for the Republican majority.

New foundation to finance excavations

From Our Correspondent
York

A foundation has been set up to finance research and excavate some of Britain's ancient and prehistoric structures. The Shepherd And The Stone Foundation, based in York, plans to begin its first excavation at Scorton, North Yorkshire, where gravel extraction is threatening a complex of parallel banks and ditches known as the Cursus.

A grant of £3,000 has been offered by the Department of the Environment, but £9,000 is still needed to complete the work.

Mr Christopher Clarke, an archaeologist working with the foundation, said the whole area was the scene of intense activity in the late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age and the known monuments were only the tip of the iceberg.

"More than ever before, people are becoming fascinated by Britain's most ancient structures which we cannot afford to lose", he added.

Science report

Pharmacology: New type of drug

A new and controversial drug preparation may soon bring relief to millions of people in Africa, India, China and South America who suffer from Leishmaniasis, or black sickness, as it is called in India.

As many as 12 million people may have Leishmaniasis, which is second only to malaria among the parasitic diseases of man. The parasite is carried by sandflies, and is passed on to humans when a sandfly pierces a person's skin to feed on blood.

The disease is particularly nasty: it can produce ugly growths on the skin and mutilate the face, as well as severely damaging internal organs.

One drug that can be used is based on antimony, a chemical similar to arsenic. However, like arsenic, it is poisonous, and the many injections of small doses required for successful treatment make it expensive.

What is needed, therefore, is a way of ensuring that the drug poisons and kills only the parasite, and not the normal cells of the host's body. One way to do that is to attach the drug to a carrier which will go only to diseased cells containing the parasite.

Several laboratories are developing a new type of carrier, which could be very important to the treatment of Leishmaniasis and other diseases. It is a liposome, a small, onion-like globule of fat molecules (lipids). The lipids in the liposome are similar to those found in the mebrane surrounding a cell, and so the two are able to interact.

The liposome can be impregnated with antimony and will carry the poison to the infected cells. Although a couple of research groups in Britain have tried this approach, an American group has now shown that the amount of antimony needed to cure a hamster can be reduced to 0.15 per cent of the normal quantity given in an injection. The poisonous side effect is drastically reduced.

The group argues that one reason why the drug is so much more effective in the liposomes is that they are taken up by the same type of cell as those containing the parasite.

The potential of liposome carriers in drug treatments is controversial. They could, perhaps, carry anti-cancer drugs specifically to cancer cells, or genes to cells suffering from genetic damage. Those applications are a long way in the future, and many investigators are sceptical of their potential. One reason is that the liposomes are taken out of the blood and destroyed by the liver cells before they can reach their target organs.

However, in the case of Leishmaniasis that is not a hindrance: the parasites are often found in precisely those cells responsible for taking the liposome out of the blood system.

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University news

Oxford

Awards:
Herbertson Memorial Prize: K. S. Wells, Regent's Park College; proxime accessit: P. J. Asquith exhibitioner of St Edmund Hall.
Henry Oliver Becket Memorial Prize: S. R. Evans, Keble College; proxime accesserunt, J. J. F. Farquharson, Regent's Park College, P. N. Harper, Hertford College.
Burdett Coutts Prize: M. G. Eller, St Peter's College, A. Thickpenny, University College.

Birmingham

First-class degrees:
BSc: Pure maths: S. G. Mills, Dr Challoner's GS. Maths and applications: A. Ramsdale, B Wordsworth's S; J. M. Richards, Pr Henry's HS, Evesham. Maths and computer sc: S. K. Hawkins, Alexandra Park Comp S; M. S. Sanders, Stockport S. Maths/PE: Janet Ashcroft, Manchester HS. Physics: J. D. Barber, Magdalen CS, Oxford; A. J. Bell, Bury GS; S. A. Collett, Bournemouth S; C. C. Holmes, Salt GS; J. Illingworth, K James I S, Bishop Auckland; J. G. McNicholas, St Philip's GS, Birmingham; J. S. Petler, Nunthorpe GS; Julia K. Sedgbeer, Monks Park S, Bristol; P. L. Swan, Sirecliy S; J. R. Smith, Tadcaster GS; S. G. Tucker, St Bartholomews GS, Newbury.
Chemistry: P. C. Bramlay, Ripon GS; P. B. Claxton, Oldbury HS; P. W. Hatfield, Mexborough GS; P. D. Isherwood, Qu Elizabeth's GS, Blackburn; A. W. Mott, Minchenden S; S. A. Noble, Archbp Holgate's GS. Biological sciences: Katrina Cornish, Sir John Leman HS, Beccles; Elizabeth A. Mortimer, Mount St Joseph's GS, Bolton. Biochemistry: Jacqueline A. Carter, Wyggeston GS; Angela J. Corney, Charlton Park Conv S, Cheltenham. Hazel S. Dolbear, Dover GS; Kathryn J. Gadd, Loughborough HS; P. A. McLean, Harrison C, Barbados. Medical biochemistry: Mary F. Tonkins, Farnham GS. Psychology: Moira A. Gray, Arbroath HS. Geological science: J. R. Gray, Stowe S. Anatomical studies: S. B. Selby, Hatfield S; Shelagh J. M. Smith, Monkswalk S, Welwyn Garden City. Physiology: D. M. Shumsheruddin, Longslade Upper S, Leicester.
Mechanical engineering: C. C. Cheng, St Andrews Sec S, Johor; C. L. Chuah, Hua Lian Nat Type Sec S, Taiping; E. K. Ng, St Thomas Sec S, Kuanian; S. W. Wong, R. Military C, Kuala Lumpur; F. C. Yang, English C, Johor Bahru; K. K. Lam, Queen's C, Hongkong; S. P. Sanoff, Liceo Scientifico, Florence. Engineering prod: R. W. Gilbert, Manchester GS. Civil eng: G. J. Bartlett, Ashby GS; Yvonne O. Barton, Manchester HS; J. A. Bishop, Gateway GS, Leicester; P. A. Bryant, K Edward VI Camp Hill S; P. E. Fletcher, Hereford Cath S; J. W. McGoldrick, City of Leicester GS; J. J. Ngure, Nairobi S; G. W. Weatherdon, Highweek Sec Mod, Newton Abbot.
Electrical and electron eng: P. R. Atkins, K Charles I S, Kidderminster; P. J. Donnison, King's S, Rochester; R. P. Simmons, Abingdon S; J. C. Simner, Cray Valley S, Sidcup. Chemical eng: S. M. T. S. Alves, Inst Sup Technico, Lisbon; A. Bahia, Springhead S, Northfleet; J. C. M. Lau, Diocesan S, Hongkong; P. R. Woodham, Widey Sec S, Plymouth. Metallurgy and materials: R. K. Ball, City of Leicester S; S. J. Calvert, K James Comp S, Knaresborough; A. Devitrish, Ranelagh S, Bracknell; G. R. P. L'Esperance, Brebeuf C, Montreal. Minerals eng: P. J. Barton, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS; A. G. Edmonds, Cowbridge GS; D. Pattinson, Victoria HS, Ulverston. Engineering prod and econ: M. G. Davidge, Bromsgrove S; P. J. Roe, Hartland S, Worksop.
BA: Medieval and modern history: A. J. Wager, Bp Vesey's GS. English: Kathryn Barnett, Pate's GS; Jane Hill, Stanborough S; Elaine Hobby, Thealè Green S; Pauline Morgan, St Joseph's HS, Newport; David Rabey, K Edward VI S, Stourbridge; Christine Thomas, Barrow-in-Furness GS. French: Audrey J. Clarke, K Edward VI Camp Hill S; G. P. Fox, K Edward VI S, Bury St Edmunds; D. Hewlett, Forest GS; C. A. Humphrey, Kettering GS; M. P. T. O'Shaughnessy, Cambridge GS; J. Williams, St Margarets HS, Liverpool. Geography: D. P. Atkinson, Clapham C; E. A. Martin, City of Leicester S. Philosophy: Anne M. L. Phelan, Blue School, Wells. Music: I. Humbold, King's S, Grantham. Combined honours: N. J. Baker, Langley S, Norwich.
(Mb, ChB): M. F. A. Apple, Liverpool Univ; N. S. Chen, Hongkong; J. F. Cooper, N Bromsgrove HS; Hilary A. Kellett, St Albans HS; S. P. Lake, K Edward VII S, Sheffield; F. B. Morgan, St Mary's RC, Southampton; Lesley A. Smallman, Regis S, Wolverhampton.
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(BCom): D. A. Gill, Henley GS.
(BSocSc) (Maths, econ and stats): S. W. Oldfield, Ecclesfield S; special prod studies P. Sherwin.

Warwick

Grants:
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL: £58,641 to Dr R. J. Avery for "the chromosomal location of integrated type C virus DNA".
SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL: £35,467 to Dr M. T. Vlad for "analysis of restriction DNA fragments from triturus cristatus carnifex"; £24,711 supplement to Dr C. Whitby-Strevens for "a building block system for distributed computing"; £30,500 to Dr A. J. Pritchard for "Control of distributed parameter systems".
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD: £21,500 to Professor A. M. Pettigrew for "the role of the training officer in the chemical industry, phase 2".
NUFFIELD FOUNDATION: £23,380 to Professor R. R. Skemp for "mathematical education of primary teachers".

Heriot-Watt

Professor Tom Patten, head of the department of mechanical engineering and director of the Institute of Offshore Engineering, has been appointed vice-principal for two years in succession to Professor J. R. Small, and Professor J. R. Gray, head of the department of actuarial mathematics and statistics, dean of the Faculty of Science, for three years from October 1 in succession to Professor D. J. Manners.

First-class degree:
Environmental studies, town planning: P. B. Swann, Magnus GS.

Umist

Professor D. Aspinall, has been appointed a professor of computation.
Dr S. F. Bush, has been appointed to a newly created chair in polymer engineering.
Lecturer: European studies, Mrs Jill Lovecy.
Grants from the Science Research Council:
£19,350 to Dr J. O. Gray, to investigate means for automatic detection of sub-micron pores in glass vaccine ampoules.

Reading

Dr H. F. van Emden, PhD (Lond), has been appointed professor of applied entomology.
Dr D. J. A. Matthew, DPhil (Oxon), has been appointed professor of history.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR J. C. McCLURE BROWNE

Important work on pregnanc[y] and childbirth

Professor J. C. McClure Browne, CBE, FRCOG, FRCSE, who died on July 23 at the age of 66, was a classical example of a distinguished son maintaining a high professional tradition in the family. Both he and his father, Professor F. J. Browne, were elected to chairs of obstetrics in London University. Their special interests varied, but one thing they held in common was their insistence on the importance of the antenatal supervision of the pregnant mother.

Professor F. J. Browne was a pioneer in this field and his son maintained the family tradition. By his time it was a more or less accepted canon in obstetric teaching but as British obstetricians strove ever harder to reduce the hazards of pregnancy and labour it was realized that these high standards could only be maintained if ante natal clinics continued to play a dominating role in the care of the pregnant mother. In maintaining these standards Professor F. J. Browne's *Antenatal and Post Natal Care* played an important part.

In due course his son took over responsibility for this best seller and it was a fitting tribute to his contribution and that of his father to these two important aspects of obstetrics, that the eleventh edition, of which Professor McClure Browne was still co-author should have appeared only last year. It was as a development of his interest in antenatal work that Professor McClure Browne produced another best seller—*Advice to the Expectant Mother*, a paperback that ran into edition after edition and guided many a pregnant lady safely through the intricacies of pregnancy—particularly her first.

John Campbell McClure Browne, was born on February 7, 1912. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy and University College London where he graduated with honours in science (B... 1934, proceeding to his ... qualifications four yea[rs] ...

During the First Wo[rld] ... he served in the RAFV... twice mentioned in de[spatches]. On demobilization in ... proceeded to compl[ete] postgraduate training i[n] ...trics, being elected a ... of the Royal College ... trics and Gynaecolog[ists], Fellow of the Royal C[ollege of] Surgeons in Edinb[urgh] 1948.

In 1952 he was a[ppointed] Professor of Obstetr[ics and] Gynaecology at the Ro[yal Post]graduate Medical Sc[hool] Institute of Obstetric[s], University of Lon[don] Hammersmith Hospi[tal] he spent the rest of hi[s profes]sional career attracti[ng] graduates from all ... world. The reputa[tion] achieved in this way ... plified by the fact tha[t he was] elected an Honorary ... the American Associ[ation of] Obstetricians and G[ynaecolo]gists and of the Finni[sh Gynae]cological Association; ... also an honorary m[ember of] the Ankara Gynae... Association and the R... gian Society of Obs[tetricians] and Gynaecologists.

His interests in his ... were wide but prima[rily] ...cal. It was the pr... obstetrics that intere[sted him] and an academic bi... obtruded on his care ... mothers entrusted ... whether during p... labour or the someti[mes diffi]cult post natal period.

While his hospital ... call on him he devo[ted] time to the Royal C[ollege of] Obstetrics and Gynae[cologists] which he had been ... Fellow in 1954, and ... for a period as cha[irman] the Department of H[ealth and] Social Security comm[ittee on] Gynaecological Cytol[ogy]. He was appointed CBE i[n] ...

He married, in 194... ica Evelyn Partridge ... one son and one daugh[ter].

MISS KATHLEEN PALMER SMITH

Miss Kathleen Palmer Smith, CBE, who died on July 22, at the age of 86, spent more than 50 years in Iran before being flown home nearly two years ago to end her days in a Sussex nursing home. At that time she was by far the oldest British subject in the country, both in years and length of residence. Intensely proud of her own country, she made her second home in Tehran where her tubby form and hennaed hair became part of the landscape and she herself a legend in her lifetime. Generations of British visitors and residents, as well as a very wide range of Iranian friends, enjoyed her quiet hospitality and unobtrusive kindness. An assiduous correspondent, she kept in touch until very recently with a large number of these friends of all ages.

Born at St Leonards-on-Sea in December, 1891, "P.S." as she was known to everyone, first went to Iran in 1926 as governess to the young daughter of the then British Minister, Sir Robert Clive. Some 32 years later she was still on the sport to welcome back to Iran that same girl as the wife of the new British Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Harrison.

When the Clives left Persia P.S. stayed on to earn her living by teaching English. She worked for a number of years as governess to the w... Shiraz family of ... Mulk; then she took private lessons and ... among her former pu[pils] ...ters, generals and ... as well as many le[ading dis]tinguished figures.

Apart from teach[ing] ... devoted much time ... work and even in ... years travelled wide[ly] seeking to improve h... vices; she had a hand ... ing the organizati[on] today flourishes as the ... Organization for So... vices. In 1962 and ... was tireless in ... assistance for earthq[uake vic]tims near Qazvin. I[n] recognition of these ... activities that in 1963 ... awarded her the Iran ... of the Pleides.

Even at the heigh[t of the] Mossadeq troubles in ... when diplomatic relat[ions with] London were broken ... but a handful of Briti[sh] left Iran, P.S. stayed ... lested, giving her En[glish les]sons. Outspoken, fea[rless and] no respecter of perso[ns] ... these qualities and he[r] integrity and love ... which endeared her ... ians. Her CBE in ... Birthday Honours was ... recognition of the ... played over many ... keeping Britain's nam[e in] Iranian regard.

ROBERT COLLIN

S.B. writes:

The loss of Robert Collin at the age of 50 in mid-career was a great shock to all those who had the privilege of knowing him or working with him. The two words that come to mind most closely in relation to Bob are integrity and friendship. But he had none of the pompous philosophizing occasionally associated with these qualities. One's characteristic memory is of the way he would end a tense editorial discussion by some remark which made everybody dissolve in laughter—but also got to the heart of the matter.

Educated at private schools and at King's College, Cambridge, where he obtained a Double First in Classics, Bob Collin came to the *Financial Times* in 1953, as one of Gordon Newton's graduate recruits and soon became the paper's outstanding economic and financial writer. He appreciated the theoretical approach; but he had a strong instinct that political and economic theory were a long way from the point at which they could be a guide to action.

In his early days at the *Financial Times* he was a Labour Councillor; and although his party ties loosened he never lapsed into hard-boil[ed cynic]ism. As chief leader-[writer of] the *Financial Times* ... better than to over-gl... each ephemeral publ[ic] ... (His Taurus column in ... *Statesman* must have ... of the wittiest City ... ever penned. As a r... Bank of England is sti[ll] ... in certain circles as G... But when a strong star[t of] principle was required ... no rivals.

His own philosophy ... torial writing was exp[ressed in] a leading article "Edi[tors] Anonymous", which ... lished on December 24 ... Most of the article ... tremely funny—he an... for instance, the discov[ery that] the *Financial Times* ... least suitable of all ... papers for lighting fi[res] ... he took the opportu[nity to] remind readers that an... editorials sprang from ... tion of free expres[sion of] opinion. Signatures w... posed on leading arti[cles in] some nineteenth centur[y edi]torial or bureaucratic ... ments; and even toda[y] ... were times when an... remained a protection.

Bob's jokes he shar[ed with] others. His innermost ... he kept to himself. H[e leaves] a widow and four chil[dren].

MR ERIC JOHNSON

Mr Eric Seymour Thewlis Johnson, MC, TD, JP, who was Conservative MP for the Blackley Division of Manchester from 1951 to 1964, died on July 22 at the age of 80. Educated at Winchester and RMC Sandhurst he was commissioned in the 16th Lancers in 1916, served during the First World War and gained the MC in 1918. After the war he left the army and went cattle ranching in British Columbia from 1923 to 1930. From 1931 to 1940 he trained race horses under National Hunt Rules in this country and served during the Second World War with the 51st Training Regiment RAC.

COLONEL JA[CK] DAVIES

Colonel Jack Davies ... dent of the Canadian C[ommon]wealth Games Associat[ion for] 25 years, died in hos[pital on] Saturday at the age of ...

Born in Paris, he m... Canada in 1920 and be... leading track and field ... before becoming invol[ved in] the administration of ... sports.

Beatrix Lady Aldenham died on July 17 at the age of 87. She was the daughter of H. W. Paul and her first husband, Algernon Hyde Villiers, was killed in action in 1917. She married secondly the fourth Baron Aldenham who died in 1969.

Lady Beckett, widow ... Eric Beckett, CBE, died ... 17. She was Margaret P... younger daughter of J. J... and she was married i[n] ... Her husband died in 197...

Ida Constance Baker ... and companion of the ... Katherine Mansfield an[d the] "L.M." of Katherine ... field's journal, died on J...

Lady Cole, wife of Lor[d] ... GBE, former chairman o[f Uni]lever Ltd, died on July ...

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...ermans disagree on two key ...sues in EEC monetary talks

...ter Norman
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...e ministers and central ...overnors of the nine ...states of the European ...ity produced more ...s than answers when ...t in Brussels today for ...st attempt at defining ...erly the shape of the ... new European ... system.
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Mr Healey, the Chancellor, in earnest discussion with M René Monory, French Finance Minister, at yesterday's meeting in Brussels.

the present European currency snake.

Mr Denis Healey, Britain's Chancellor, made clear after the meeting that he supports determining exchange rates in terms of a basket of currencies as this would make it easier to obtain a symmetry of obligations between surplus and deficit countries in the system.

More surprising were the differences that emerged over the contribution of funds to back up central bank intervention. Mr Healey said that the Germans had surprised him and other ministers by saying they did not regard themselves as committed to a pooling of reserves.

It would appear that German reservations are dictated primarily by domestic political problems. The Opposition controls the upper house of parliament in Bonn, and so could block legislation to allow reserve pooling through changes in the federal bank law.

Although German delegation sources stressed that Germany was thinking of some other method that would have the same practical effect, the emergence of this problem was the salutary reminder as to how many gaps exist in the Bremen communiqué of July 7 which is the basis of the present discussions.

The lack of precision in the Bremen document became increasingly apparent as the ministers dealt with other specific problems.

Members of the existing currency snake showed themselves to be particularly wary of the proposed system with the smaller members, backed by West Germany, calling for the continued existence of the snake until the new system had proven itself.

Where unanimity was achieved was in an agreement that the studies to strengthen the economies of the less prosperous members of the EEC should be truly concurrent with the deliberations on monetary cooperation. This question has been referred to the economic policy committee of the EEC and its terms of reference will probably be drawn up later this week.

Mr Healey said afterwards that the meeting had produced a very satisfactory outcome from the British point of view. He said that Dr Hans Matthöfer, the chairman, West Germany's Finance Minister, accepted that the new system should be measured against the criteria raised by the British at the last finance ministers council meeting in June.

These included symmetry, or the placing of equal obligations on surplus and deficit countries, the insistence that the new system remove rather than increase restraints on growth and that exchange rate adjusments should be carried through when needed to reflect real differences in economic performance.

In turn, Mr Healey's approach to today's meeting was a welcome surprise for some of the ministers present, including M René Monory, the French economics minister, who expressed appreciation that the British had not raised more objections.

Treasury's dividend control plans tighter than expected by the City

By Bryan Appleyard

Treasury clarification of the Chancellor's dividend control proposals has revealed they are tighter than was originally thought by the City.

Two potential loopholes have been closed. First the new permission to increase dividends so as not to raise cover above the highest level since December 1972 will only be open to companies with financial years ending after July 31.

This means that a company with a year ending before that date, but whose annual meeting at which the final dividend is voted upon is after that date, cannot take advantage of the new rules.

The other loophole involves accounting policies. Initially it was hoped that, by taking in the latest accounting proposals on deferred tax, companies could raise their earnings and thus win Treasury approval for a dividend increase above 10 per cent. But the Treasury now says "the cover for each of the relevant years will be computed on a consistent basis".

It is also made clear that previous undistributed profits and transfers from reserves will not be taken into account in calculating cover. In other words the Treasury will only consider the one year's trading as the basis for its sums.

Companies are also not allowed to take advantage of the new ruling until the declaration of their final dividend. At the interim stage they can declare any figure they like as long as it does not exceed the total payout for the previous year by more than 10 per cent.

This last point combined with the July 31 rule effectively means that the first batch of companies to be affected will be those with years ending in September, as an August year end is unusual.

These results will be coming out around November or December so any major dividend increases under the new rules will not now occur until after the outcome of an expected October general election.

Callaghan advice to ministers: cut red tape

Mr Callaghan's personal intervention in a vital part of the everyday work of Whitehall could, if successful, earn him the gratitude of business executives.

His target is the official form, whether administrative or statistical, and his aim is to persuade ministers to adopt "a more critical and imaginative approach" so reducing industry's burden of official paperwork.

His campaign will be studied closely particularly by small companies. Government form-filling often gives rise to as much emotion as taxation levels and legislation; it is cited as tedious and often unnecessary, and even castigated as inefficient.

Mr Callaghan, inspired by his small firms supremo, Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has instructed all ministers to begin a thorough review of all administrative forms and regular statistical inquiries.

While recognizing that without forms the work of government would collapse, he wants them to be kept to a minimum and made as uncomplicated and straightforward as can be devised. "I am not satisfied that enough is being done at present to this end", ministers have been told.

In gingering up the Civil Service, as he explained to MPs yesterday, Mr Callaghan has asked whether all forms are indispensable and their purpose be achieved in another way; whether completing the form could be simplified, the layout and design improved, questions simplified and explanatory notes made more clear and concise.

He also wants to know if small firms could be exempt entirely from some of the red tape.

In a separate letter to ministers about statistical forms (government departments issue 500 regular surveys) the Prime Minister reckons there is substantial scope for reducing the burden, particularly on small firms, without harming official statistical needs.

"Small firms are seldom equipped to handle such inquiries and the task falls on the proprietors or managers whose time could better be devoted to running the business."

It is planned to review all statistical surveys, both statutory—like the annual census of production, and the "voluntary", like the monthly inquiry into retail trade—in the hope that the size of samples can be cut, along with the frequency of surveys.

This tentative unravelling of the complexities of Whitehall forms, however, will not be achieved without the need for new government machinery.

Both reviews are to be overseen by a committee of ministers and officials, who will also receive every six months a report from Mr Bob Cryer, the minister in charge of the small firms division at the Department of Industry.

Edward Townsend

Bid on the way for Oxford St store

By Our Financial Staff

Bourne & Hollingsworth, the Oxford Street department store, is to have talks "with various parties" about a possible takeover bid.

This was revealed yesterday by Morgan Grenfell, B & H's merchant bank advisers, in response to a recent rise in the share price. At yesterday's price of 116p the whole company has a current stock market capitalization of £8.3m.

In the year ended February 13 the company slipped into a loss of £27,000 against a profit the year before of £312,000. Turnover had risen from £8.2m to £8.85m. Problems were caused by a combination of disruption from renovation work and sluggish sales.

Most of the renovation work has been finished and consumer spending is on the upturn.

Aid for mass-produced Vauxhall electric van

By Clifford Webb

Mass production of electrically powered commercial vehicles moved nearer yesterday with an announcement that the Department of Industry is providing £2.26m to help finance limited production of a one-ton payload van.

Over the next three years the partners in the venture, Lucas and Vauxhall, will produce 120 vans based on the popular Bedford CF but powered by electric motors driven by a bank of highly developed versions of the traditional lead acid battery.

The vans will be handed over to fleet operators for extended trials to establish reliable data of performance acceptability, range, battery life and maintenance costs. Twenty-five of them will go to the Greater London Council for evaluation in city conditions.

Equally important is the experience that will be gained in building the vehicles under mass production conditions at Bedford's Dunstable factory. By using the standard CF van configuration and existing assembly lines, production costs will be kept to a minimum.

Eighteen months ago a prototype of the Lucas-Bedford electric van was shipped to Detroit for testing. It created so much interest that motor chiefs, including Mr Elliot "Pete" Estes, president of General Morors, and Mr Henry Ford II insisted on trying it.

Lucas has spent more than £4m on electric vehicle development work in the past 12 years. Chloride and Chrysler UK are involved in a similar joint venture based on the Commer Karrier 35cwt van.

In 1974, Chloride and the Electricity Council formed a new jointly owned company, Chloride Silent Power, to develop a sodium sulphur battery for electric vehicles.

To date, however, prototype vehicles being tested for the partnership by the National Freight Corporation have been lead acid-powered.

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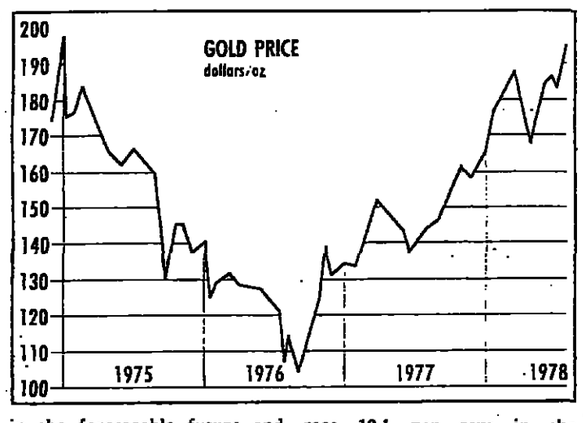
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...rter Administration is ... that within a few ...e overall shape of the ...economy will appear ...ed stronger.
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...Michael Blumenthal, ...of the Treasury, said ...inflation rate would ...greatly in the second ...this year, and also the ...balance of payments. ...that "there is no evi... ...a recession in the next ...months . . . we do not ...th below about 4 per ...
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...d that the Administra... ...ld continue to strive to stabilize the dollar by dealing with fundamental inflation and balance of payments problems.

Mr Blumenthal noted in a television interview that interest rates may now have risen to "the danger point" where further increases could damage the economy's overall growth rate. He stressed that the Federal Reserve Board was fully aware of this and that the Administration was determined to tighten fiscal policies.

For example in preliminary planning for the 1980 fiscal year budget every effort was being made to ensure a deficit of less than $40,000m (about £20,725m) and the final figure could be below $37,000m.

On Friday the Department of Commerce reported that real gnp rose by 7.4 per cent in the second quarter, after a decline of 0.1 per cent in the first quarter and Administration officials admitted that it now looked probable that the White House forecast of 4.1 per cent real growth for all of this year would not be achieved.

Mr Blumenthal asserted, however, that the rate would be between 3.5 and 4 per cent in the foreseeable future and there were plenty of signs of continued substantial growth.



To secure such growth the Administration wanted swift Congressional approval of its $19,400m tax-cutting programme.

The latest gnp figures also showed that prices, as measured by the chain price index, rose 10.1 per cent in the second quarter, after a 7.1 per cent gain in the first quarter.

Mr Blumenthal said that the Administration was determined to move ahead with the anti-inflation programme it outlined on April 11 and secure voluntary wage and price restraint in the private sector.

Coffee market fall could cut 15p off 4oz jar in autumn

By Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

For the first time in more than two years some robusta coffee positions were quoted at less than four figures on the London market yesterday. March, May and July next year were all quoted below £1,000 per tonne.

During last week "spot" July (1978) coffee fell by £144 per tonne, from £1,354 on Friday, July 14, to £1,210 last Friday. September futures fell in the same period by £154 from £1,286.50 to £1,132.50 per tonne.

At last night's close "spot" July was down a further £62.50 to £1,147.50 per tonne and September had fallen by £39 to £1,093.50.

There are a number of reasons for the continuing decline. For the time being, stable weather in the Parana area of Brazil, the country's main coffee-growing zone, has stilled fears of a repetition of the 1975 frost which devastated the crop, although the danger will not be over for at least another month.

Another factor is lack of buying interest on the part of roasters who appear still to have stocks in hand. On the other hand, some South and Central American producers of mild coffee are anxious to sell to obtain foreign currency and are willing to meet the market price.

Derek Harris writes: If coffee holds to this scale of decline prices in the shops could by the autumn tumble between 10p and 15p for a 4oz jar of powdered instant coffee.

Since the historically high retail prices of the spring of last year when some instant coffees were retailing at £1.60 for 4oz—with freeze dried coffees selling at a premium above that—shop prices are now down to just over £1 and below.

J. Sainsbury, the grocery chain, is now selling their Vendona brand of powdered instant coffee at as low as 69p for 4oz and their own-label refill packs at 75p.

Brooke Bond in £21m bid for Australian firm

By Richard Allen

Brooke Bond Liebig is to make a £21m takeover bid for control of Bushells, Australia's biggest tea and coffee processor and wholesaler.

The British company already has a 20 per cent stake in Bushells' main trading subsidiary, which accounts for more than half the Australian packet tea market and about 12 per cent of the market for tea-bags.

Mr H. F. Somerville, Brooke Bond's finance director, said yesterday that the bid followed an approach from family interests. Principal stockholders of Bushells had already provisionally accepted the offer in respect of 51.1 per cent of the shares.

Bushells last year made a pre-tax profit of £3.72m. But Mr Somerville said a property revaluation should ensure that the deal would involve negligible goodwill.

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In its review of monetary developments in the current year, there are some heartening words about the outlook for the money supply with the Bank's comment that gilt-edged sales in the current financial year have been on "a sufficiently massive scale to make it probable that the growth of sterling M3 over the first months of the current year will be kept to small dimensions".

There is also a qualified welcome for the new system of publicly announced money supply targets which the Bank feels has provided "a useful yardstick against which performance could be judged and hence resulted in earlier corrective action than might otherwise have been taken".

American rebuff for Visa credit card expansion

Plans by Visa International, the credit card group if which Barclaycard is the UK member, to launch its own travellers' cheques, received a setback yesterday when Bank of America declared it would not participate.

Visa announced last month that it had asked several thousand financial institutions to cooperate in building a rival travellers' cheque scheme to American Express.

Bank of America said banks "shoud study the numbers carefully" in the Visa scheme, since the travellers' cheques business was a high volume and low margin one from which banks have been withdrawing in recent years. In the meantime it would continue to issue its own cheques.

Royal Dutch/Shell signs gas pact with Abu Dhabi

The Royal Dutch/Shell group said yesterday that an agreement had been signed with two other foreign oil companies and Abu Dhabi for a $1,600m (about £829m) project to collect, process and export natural gas from the Emirate's onshore oilfields.

Under the 30-year agreement, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Co would have a 68 per cent interest in the new venture—Abu Dhabi Gas Industries—with Royal Dutch/Shell and the Compagnie Française des Petroles each holding 15 per cent and the Lisbon-based Parxte the remaining 2 per cent.

Production, expected to begin in 1981, is planned at 5 million tons per annum, split between liquefied petroleum gas (60 per cent) and condensates (40 per cent), according to a Shell spokesman.

Natural gas, now being flared at the three onshore fields, will be piped to a coastal storage facility and processing plant for transfer to tankers. The facility will handle 23 million cubic feet of gas a day.



Mr Johannes Witteveen, former managing director of the International Monetary Fund, whose reappointment to the supervisory board of the Royal Dutch/Shell group is being proposed to shareholders at a general meeting in Rotterdam on August 18.

produce a new long-dated stock given the present lack of inteest in the medium-dated tap stock.

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Ban on repricing of goods to be renewed

Repricing of food and drink items that already have been priced will be banned from August 14 under an order laid before Parliament yesterday by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection. The order takes over from the repricing ban in the Price Code that expires at the end of this month and is aimed at the abuse where shops stick new price labels over old ones. An exception is made for retailers withdrawing special offers or introductory offers.

Ultra long-dated tap stock exhausted

The Bank of England has completed the sale of the £1,000m ultra long-dated gilt-edged security, Exchequer 12 per cent 2013-17. Supplies of the stock, which was launched on the market in mid-June, were declared exhausted by mid-afternoon yesterday. Between half and three-quarters of the stock was probably taken up when it was originally offered but it has been only over the last few days that the market has absorbed the remainder.

The final tranche was supplied yesterday at 96¾. Although sales over the past few days will have helped towards funding the Government's borrowing requirement for the August banking month, the market is now keen to see how quickly the authorities will

EEC jobless up

The number of EEC jobless registered in June was 5,561,000, up 0.3 per cent from May on a preliminary count, and 3.7 per cent higher than in June 1977. The adjusted figure for May was 5,546,000, revised from 5,552,000, Eurostat reported in Brussels.

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Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1416.4 (previous 1417.3).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.74	1.68
Austria Sch	29.75	27.75
Belgium Fr	65.25	62.75
Canada $	2.21	2.14
Denmark Kr	11.12	10.62
Finland Mkk	8.33	7.98
France Fr	8.76	8.36
Germany Dm	4.11	3.89
Greece Dr	71.50	67.50
Hongkong $	9.15	8.70
Italy Lr	1665.00	1580.00
Japan Yn	405.00	380.00
Netherlands Gld	4.43	4.20
Norway Kr	10.70	10.25
Portugal Esc	87.00	82.00
S Africa Rd	1.85	1.72
Spain Pes	153.00	146.00
Sweden Kr	9.02	8.62
Switzerland Fr	3.59	3.37
US $	1.98	1.92
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.75	34.75

Rates for small denomination bank-notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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East Europe chemical deals worry the West

By Peter Hill

There has been a marked growth in the number of compensation deals under which companies in Western Europe construct major chemical plants in the communist block and the cost is paid in products.

Now Western Europe's chemical industry is worried at the disruptive effect which low-priced products from East European countries is having on the international market. The European Commission is being urged by the Council of European Chemical Industry Federations (Cefic) to tighten surveillance and monitoring of the imports.

A survey* published yesterday revealed that by 1980 Western Europe's chemicals trade with Eastern Europe will be transformed from a surplus to a deficit. The deficit of $1,600m (about £829m) three years ago is likely to become a surplus of $1,800m in 1985.

According to the survey, published by the weekly industry journal, *European Chemical News*, East European chemical purchases from West Europe will rise from about $1,300m last year to about $3,600m in 1985.

Compensation deals were now the fastest growing element in East-West chemicals trade and such trade was likely to grow to more than 30 per cent of East European chemical sales to Western Europe in 1985.

According to the journal, the main impact will be felt in the commodity chemicals product area including fibres, synthetic rubber, fertilizers, and base cemicals, where East European exports would mostly supply between 2 and 5 per cent of West European consumption.

Already, Eastern Europe has captured a significant share of the West European market for fertilizers and synthetic rubber and orer the next three years it will also become a net exporter of bulk plastics.

The greatest disruption of western markets, said the journal, would occur in those products which could be sold direct to industrial or non-chemical consumers, particularly plastics, fibres, rubber and fertilizers and in the case of products which could be sold only to chemical companies for further processing, investment in Eastern Europe could replace plants in the West.

One area under particular threat is ammonia. Under compensation deals Soviet exports of ammonia could amount to 2.8m tons a year after 1980-81 while last year total world trade was only 4.6m tons.

Tenneco, the United States producers, has already closed its ammonia plant and is buying and marketing Soviet-produced ammonia.

*ECN European Review. £2.

Only United Kingdom and Japan likely to increase production

Forecast of fall in world car output

By David Felton

United Kingdom motor vehicle producers are expected to be at odds with the worldwide trend this year and will marginally increase output. Along with Japan, the United Kingdom is the only major vehicle-producing country likely to boost output in a declining market.

These are the findings of a special report on the world motor industry compiled by the Economic Intelligence Unit,* which nevertheless says that prospects for the industry look bright and that for companies with imagination and talent there are worthwhile time ahead.

The report is also optimistic about British Leyland's future providing there is cooperation from the workforce, but advises the state-owned company to keep a low profile until it can create a more favourable image abroad.

Car production throughout the world is expected this year to be 26.1 million units, a drop of 1.8 per cent compared with last year, and the report forecasts little change next year.

However, car production in the United Kingdom is likely to rise by just under 2 per cent, and the report expects a small increase in the country's commercial vehicle output, which again will run against the worldwide trend.

The report's authors point out that the substantial increase in car production in other countries between 1975 and 1977, which was not matched in the United Kingdom, is bound to lead to a reaction and generally there will be a fall-off in production which could extend into next year.

No detailed predictions for the next decade are made in the report, but the authors expect an upturn. "The 1978/9 downturn is not so much a recession, but more a pause for breath and a reaction to the extremely buoyant conditions of 1977."

Japan has had remarkable successes during the last few years, says the report, but it points out that the danger of protectionism is growing, particularly if Japan discontinues its policy of retracting the barriers facing overseas competitors.

There are still major obstacles to entry to the Japanese market, notably the difficulty in setting up dealer networks.

Taking a long-term view, the report expects the growth of the South Korean motor industry and the increasingly stringent regulations governing construction and use in the United States to play an important role.

These factors are unlikely to affect production, with the outlook for individual companies being influenced by the broad economic conditions in the major world markets.

On governments' roles in the motor industry the report says that the American Administration acts mainly as a legislator, Western European governments as owners, the Japanese as a promoter and the developing countries' rulers as initiators.

It is through the Japanese Government's interest in its motor industry and continuously growing sales that it has produced a motor industry which in size is second only to the United States.

When considering British Leyland the report says that for the first time in the 1970s there are signs that the company is at last moving in the right direction.

It gives warning that there are substantial problems ahead—mainly in the volume car division of Austin Morris, whose aging models are becoming uncompetive—but applauds the switch back to individual model's names "since there is an unusually high degree of loyalty afforded to them."

Prospects for the company's commercial vehicle operations are also considered promising although Leyland Vehicles still has a lot of catching up to do.

The report expects the benefits of the recent largescale investment to begin working through to the markets in the near future.

* *Worldwide Automotive Activity 1977 and Outlook 1978.9 by Arthur Way and Richard Phillips. The Economic Intelligence Unit Ltd. Spencer House, 27 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NT. £50.*

Cutlery industry chiefs to seek protection from rising imports

Leaders of the cutlery industry are to ask the Government on Thursday for protective action against imports, despite what is believed to be a veto from the EEC Commission on such action.

The industry faces a penetration of more than 90 per cent of the main stainless steel market by cheap Far East imports.

A delegation led by Sheffield City Council, and including manufacturers' representatives from the Cutlery and Silver Association and the Federation of British Cutlery Manufacturers, together with trade union representatives, will ask for short-term protection as a matter of urgency.



Mr Michael Meacher: will be told decline could be irretrievable.

Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, will be told that unless the Government honours an earlier undertaking to protect the industry its decline could be irretrievable.

Councillor Clive Betts, chairman of the City Council's industrial development advisory committee, said yesterday that short-term action was needed to stem the import tide until a rescue package for the industry could be worked out in detail.

The industry is waiting for the results of a survey organized by the Department of Industry and carried out by the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association.

This investigation of the industry's plight, aimed particularly at assessing its investment needs, is near completion and the Government hopes to be able to set out its main conclusions by the end of August.

What is worrying the industry and the City Council are suggestions, so far unconfirmed, that informal approaches by the Government to the Brussels Commision on the question of Community-wide controls on stainless cutlery imports have been rebuffed.

France and Italy, which have been operating tough import controls for some years, are believed to be against overall Community controls because they fear these would be less harsh than their own controls.

On Thursday the delegation will also ask for a government undertaking to bring in a planned programme of aid under 1972 Industry Act. Local authorities should be able to give extra aid under the inner urban areas legislation.

But in these new negotiations with government the cutlery industry is still being dogged by the problem of its own internal disarray on the import question.

The Cutlery and Silverware Association has urged import quotas that would ensure United Kingdom makers 50 per cent of the British market by volume.

But the Federation of British Cutlery Manufacturers wants a reduction over five years to give imports only a 25 per cent market share, with a further seven years of protection at that level so that investment can revive.

There is a further complication because of the growing controversy over a number of British manufacturers which are importing stainless blanks, silver plating them and stamping them as made in Sheffield.

The City Council is considering whether to take up a test case under the Trade Descriptions Act as a way of dealing with the problem.

Derek Harris

More talks on airbus cooperation

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Officials from the French and German members of the European Airbus Industrie consortium are visiting the United Kingdom this week for discussions with British Aerospace on possible collaboration on the B-10 version of the A-300 Airbus.

This follows the visit last week by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and senior British Aerospace management, to discuss the subject with government ministers in Paris and Bonn.

A British Aerospace spokesman said yesterday that the company was now in commercial negotiations with the continental firms. He reaffirmed that as far as the company was concerned a collaborative deal with Europe would be preferable to collaboration with a United States company; no decision had yet been reached on the feasibility of collaborating with both Europe and the United States.

British Aerospace was now examining with the French and German companies whether a viable, commercial deal could be concluded.

Last week M. Joël le Theule, the French Minister for Transport, was reported as saying that British participation in the B-10 project would be dependent on an order for the aircraft from British Airways.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The human factor in ship safety

From Mr C. P. Srivastava

Sir, The letter from Mr H. Stewart (Business News, July 13) concerning the recent IMCO conference on the training and certification of seafarers raised some extremely important points, notably in its emphasis on the need for crews to maintain close personal attention and not to rely unduly on the equipment which is now available.

This was a point which was frequently stressed during the conference, and it is perhaps significant that the convention which was adopted was entitled the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification *and Watchkeeping* for Seafarers.

Indeed, the whole emphasis of the conference was on the need for establishing minimum world-wide standards for crews serving on all types of ships, and ensuring that they operate ships and equipment properly.

The implementation of the convention requirements and the observance of the many related recommendations adopted by the conference will not only raise the technical competence of the international seafaring community but will also raise the professional standards of bridge behaviour, to which Mr Stewart rightly attaches such great importance.

The development of an effective anti-stranding device suggested by Mr Stewart, would of course be a major step forward. But such a device would still have to be properly used, and the only way to ensure that this was done would be to make sure that the crew of the ship was of the highest possible standard.

No matter how sophisticated the equipment available on board today's ships might become, the safety of ships will ultimately still depend upon their crews. That is why IMCO regards the convention which was recently adopted as one of the most important so far devised in the organization's 20-year history.

Yours faithfully,
C. P. SRIVASTAVA,
Secretary-General,
Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,
101-104 Piccadilly, W1.

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, An IMCO convention on the training of seafarers is surely to be warmly welcomed, and one must hope for its early ratification by all maritime nations. But Mr H. Stewart (July 13) is correct to warn that the variety and complexity of electronic aids to navigation now in use demand correspondingly strict adherence to well-established bridge practices—such as, for example, looking out of the bridge window to see where you are going.

In addition, the safe use of the latest devices (as in any field) requires the consistent application of standard procedures.

Marine radar and electronic navigation aids were developed originally to meet naval needs, under wartime pressures, in war conditions. The operational requirements were clearly specified and the designers and manufacturers met them. No such systematic process has governed postwar developments. In the absence of any equivalent to the firmly stated and precise naval "staff requirements" individual manufacturers have formed their own views on what was needed by the merchant navy, produced the equipment and taken it to the market.

In a highly competitive international trade, such as shipping, avoidable costs must be avoided in order to survive. Therefore, to earn its keep new equipment must enable your ships to perform better than other people's. The imposition of costs of legislation aimed at *improving safety all round*, which some states, companies or ships may not comply with, is to be resisted. Hence the Department of Trade's coolness towards technical innovation.

No doubt the experience of my company, paralleling that of Mr Stewart and his colleagues, may thus be explained. For we, also, have been refused government support.

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Yours faithfully,
IAN McGEOCH,
Chairman, MIDAR Systems) Ltd,
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July 13.

PO profit: unfair contrast to British Steel

From Mr G. Cleverley

Sir, Your comment on the Post Office's profits—that they are "in sharp contrast to the huge loss of £443m for the British Steel Corporation"—is hardly fair on British Steel.

British Steel sells to a competitive and exceptionally price-sensitive market. The Post Office has a total monopoly in a growing market remarkable for its indifference to price, and is currently luxuriating in the after-effects of its whopping price increases of a few years back.

If every British manufacturer were forced to buy from British Steel, and if only products made with British steel were allowed to be sold in British shops, and if the corporation ran down its production to just below the quantity and quality desired by its customers, I suspe would find it rathe make profits.

For that matter, British Rail if road were nationalized ar cars were banned.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM CLEVERL
Goebenstrasse 1,
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July 6.

EEC reexport of whisky 'costing Britain millions'

Although whisky exports to the United States have this year been running about 25 per cent above last year and, even excluding the American market, total exports of Scotch to other world markets are 8 per cent better, the industry is faced with a serious situation in Europe, it was stated in Glasgow yesterday.

Accordingto Mr Adam Burgius, a Glasgow distiller, millions of pounds are being lost to Britain in foreign revenue by European Economic Community countries reshipping Scotch whisky to the rest of the world.

This enabled European middlemen to cream off some of the profits that rightly belonged to this country.

Mr Burgius, who is retiring as chairman of the Scotch Whisky Association Information and Development Committee, and is being succeeded by Mr Ian Coombs, chairman of John Long Distilleries said western Europe was becoming increasingly important as a market for Scotch whisky.

Last year EEC countries took some 18 per cent of world Scotch whisky exports, which in the first six months of this year had risen to £293m.

ICI buying petrochemical plant in Louisiana

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Further expansions of its petrochemical interests in the United States was announced by ICOI yesterday. Through its American company, ICI buyinga chlor alkali plant at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at present operated by Allied Chemical Corporation.

Neither Allied nor ICI would disclose the purchase price, although the assets involved amount to £36.8m and the acquisition will consolidate the British company's strength in the chlor alkali business.

Principal products from the Baton Rouge plant are caustic soda and chlorine, ethylene dichloride and vinyl chloride monomer, based on the primary raw materials of brine and ethylene.

Total VCM capacity of the plant is 136,000 tonnes a year, while chlor alkali capacity is 184,000 tonnes a year.

hTe move is an important one for ICI which has extensive worldwide interests in the business, an dthe acquisition will provide the company with a useful stake in the American market.

The company already has chlor alkali interest in Canada and the first stage of its expansion in the petrochemicals business in North America was the establishment of a 37.5 per cent interest in a $600m (about £310m) ethylene plant being constructed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

ICI is also planing an ethylene glycol plant in Texas an dhas financial interests in oil prospecting in the Gulf coast area ad the Baltimore Canyon trough.

In another chemical industry transaction, the Norwegia company of Norsk Hydro confirmed yesterday that it was discussing the purchase of Continental Oil's 50 per cent interest in the Uited Kingdom company Vinatex, which is jointly owned by Conoco and Staveley Chemicals.

The Norwegian company, which is a substantial producer of VCM, wants to buy a stake in Vinatex in order to secure markets for its VCM from which poly vinyl chloride is produced.

The Dutch company, DSM is also interested in acquiring Conoco's chemicals interests, but the company declined to comment on reports.

Conoco also has a 10 per cent interest in Staveley Chemicals.

Unions blockade tanker over crew pay rates

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Trade unions affiliated to the International Transport Workers Federation are blockading a Liberian-registered tanker at the Milford Haven oil terminal in support of demands that the owners pay its crew recommended rates laid down by the ITF.

The vessel is the Universe Sentinel of 269,000 tons deadweight which is operated by Universe Tankships, one of the subsidiary companies of the business empire controlled by Mr Daniel K. Ludwig, the American multi-millionaire.

The action is the latest in a series of blockades organized by unions affiliated to the ITF. Tugmen, who are members of the Transport and General Workers Union, have refused to move the vessel until the owners agree to pay minimum rates.

The Japanese-built tanker arrived at the terminal last Tuesday after causing concern for her safety and fears of another oil pollution disaster.

An RAF Hunter jet "buzzed" the tanker as she was manoeurring in St Brides Bay. The pilot believed that the tanker was heading for dangerous rocks.

Coastguard authorities were alerted but it later emerged that the master of the vessel was looking for a safe anchorage because neap tides prevented entry to the terminal straight away.

The Universe Sentinel has discharged about 25,000 tons of her crude oil cargo and was due to sail to Zeebrugge.

According to the ITF, an attempt was made to persuade the owners to pay the rates two and a half years ago when another ship was blockaded.

This latest blockade is based on securing payment of a minimum rate of $579 (about £300) a month for able-bodied seamen. The ITF claims the seamen are being paid about $300 a month.

Low prices upset Argentine beef farmers

From Tony Emerson
Buenos Aires

Argentina is the world's leading exporter of beef, and is responsible for 23 per cent of the international beef trade. The intense competitiveness of the country's beef exports reflects the poor prices being paid to its cattle farmers, and they have taken a collective decision to switch to arable farming where possible.

As a result markets this year have been swamped with cattle for slaughter, depressing prices still further, and a record percentage of animals offered are females which would normally have a breeding career before them.

The proportion of cows, heifers and calves sold for slaughter which, during other periods of liquidation of cattle stocks, had barely reached 50 per cent in the first quarter of this year reached 56 per cent. For the second and third quarters farmers' union sources estimate that they will exceed 60 per cent.

A record 4 million head were slaughtered in the first quarter of the year. Judging by the entries into the Central Liniers cattle market, this record will have been beaten when the second quarter statistics are published.

These figures mean that by April next year the country's cattle stocks will have been reduced by one sixth in a period of 20 months, and that in 1980-81 beef production will only cover the tonnage now consumed at home.

The Argentine economy ministry is pleased that beef is plentiful and cheap since its chief worry for 1978 is inflation.

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

Issue of £10,000,000 Variable Rate Redeemable Stock 1983 at £99¾ per cent

On behalf of the London Borough of Camden, Pember & Boyle point out that the Application Form for the above stock requires "payment in full at the rate of £100 per cent on the nominal amount applied for". This should read "payment in full at the rate of £99¾ per cent on the nominal amount applied for". If payment in full is made at £100 per cent the appropriate refund will be made to applicants.

Business appointments

Lord Luke new chairman of Gateway Building Society

Lord Luke has become chairman of Gateway Building Society in succession to the late Mr Harold Bell. Mr Gladstone Moore becomes vice-chairman.

Mr Lewis Goodman is resigning from the board of Marks and Spencer on July 31 and will become a non-executive director of Vantona Group.

Mr Don Smith, a director of Saint Piran and chairman and managing director of Milbury, is to become chairman of Orme Developments. Mr W. A. Longworth and Mr W. J. R. Shaw are to be directors.

Mr Takeshi Kitagawa has been elected president of Japan Line, succeeding Mr Hisashi Matsunaga, who becomes chairman.

Mr Roger Wallhouse has joined the board of BOC Datasolve as marketing director.

Mr Norman Reddaway, until recently British Ambassador to Poland, has joined the board of Catalytic International Inc.

Mr J. Taylor has been made deputy managing director of Westland Engineers. Mr R. L. Gillham becomes finance director and company secretary. Mr C. J. Cooper has been made works director.

Mr Graham Reinelt and Mr Mike Dewar join the board of Hengstler Flextime.

Mr Barrie Turner-Smith has become managing director United Kingdom marketing and sales of the Timex Corporation.

Mr P. N. Clancy has been made a director of Stag Furniture Holdings.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Waiting for the vote on dividends

continuing weakness of the dollar and strength of gold (and sterling) provided main highlights in financial markets erday. But equities, after a hesitant start, e progress too as the day wore on FT 30 Share Index closed at its highest l of the day, 4.7 points up at 483.9, with s attracting most of the attention as biggest potential beneficiaries of the dividend rules.

e market is, of course, still waiting for result of the vote on the dividend bill hursday. What happens if the Bill is wn out remains to be seen, but it must in a possibility that its provisions would ly provide the basis for a voluntary —presumably with the threat of sanc- etc lurking in the background.

eanwhile, in the gilt market the uestion of the long tap raises the tion of how soon the authorities push new stock. The implication of the Bank gland's annual report, issued yesterday, d seem to be that the authorities are than happy with the way monetary th has been contained over the first ter of the new financial year. But we ow moving into the second quarter, and ng off with a medium-dated tap for h there is, at present anyway, no nd from the banking sector and the ling societies. That may not change in rty either, so the authorities will have oked to longer-term funds for gilt sales.

will not have to take in any losses, though it could take profits—an unlikely event as the portfolio is shown in the consolidated balance sheet at £20.4m, but would probably only fetch £10m if it were sold today.

Liquidation would have left creditors with less than 50p in the pound and shareholders with nothing. This offers creditors the possibility of the recovery of all their principle and shareholders with asset backing of something under ½p per share—compared to a market price of 6¼p—and hope of some earnings growth. For the creditors the evident risk is that, having hived off the burden from the main company, Raglan's incentive to achieve the best terms for its portfolio is correspondingly reduced.

Taking that into account, Raglan must emerge with credit for winning for shareholders any alternative, however small, to liquidation, which would have left them with nothing—not even a quotation.

● *There has been a small but perceptible change of strategy at Racal, whose chairman is Mr Ernest Harrison (above), over the last couple of years. Prior to the Milgo takeover early in 1977 Racal had only been in the acquisition field in any significant way once before. That was for the purchase of Controls and Communication back in 1969 which brought the Clansman business into the group and which the annual report again pinpoints ase one of its most successful ranges with orders now topping £100m.*

Over the last year Racal has been limbering up even more in the takeover front with the two smallish acquisitions in the United States bolstering its growing position in the world's largest market. And with Racal itself already warning that its amazing profits record in the 1970s, built almost entirely on internal growth, must slow down it is clear that the group is having to look more and more at acquisitions to maintain the momentum.

For thep resent, however, there seems little doubt that the balance sheet can take this strain.

Cash flow last year jumped from £21m to £35m and with dividend restraint limiting shareholders' rewards the group was able to pump back some £24m into the business even after conservatively writing off another £15m of goodwill to leave only £7m of this intangible in the balance sheet against £20m a year before.

Borrowings have crept up slightly but are still only just uder 50 per cent of shareholders' funds. All of which gives the group as much room for manoeuvre as it wants should it decide to expand in the United States further.

oke Bond Liebig

oadening the graphical spread

g described North America as the target for its long-mooted acquisitive , Brooke Bond Liebig caused some sur- yesterday with its plan to pay £20.5m control of Australian tea group, lls. Brooke Bond, however, has been py for some time with the limited afforded by its 20 per cent stake in lls' main trading subsidiary, and decided that the opportunity to take he whole group was too good to miss. group's financial strength is such that l States acquisition plans will not be ted. Gearing at the last balance sheet was around 36 per cent and liquid es of around £40m will have increased ntially in the current year as a result decline in tea prices and the addi- cash release from stock sales. Mean- the Australian move helps deflect t criticisms about the group's aphical spread, in particular its expo- o sensitive political areas in Africa Asia, although it does nothing to te the long-term fears about its dence on commodities.

the year just ended Brooke Bond's s will have fallen sharply from the 50m achieved at the peak of the tea boom. But with tea prices seemingly izing now at around twice the pre- levels the net effect has been to lift roup from its earlier profits plateau ound £20m to something over £40m. shares, however, are likely to remain tled until the diversification pro- ne and the outlook for commodity s are clearer, although at 45½p, after rise yesterday, the shares are solidly pinned by a prospective p/e ratio of hing under 6 and a yield of more than r cent.

an Property

e creditors w patience

n Property Trust has spent the year its original Scheme of Arrangement ading its creditors to accept an elabora- of the plan which actually offers some to the company's 10,000 shareholders. irst scheme kept the company afloat l off its portfolio and pay off debts of than £26m to creditors who include Inland Revenue, Kleinwort Benson, nal Westminster and Barclays.

s new plan involves pushing almost all ssets and debts into two subsidiaries have about four years to complete sal. The banks will pay a management o the parent, which as a shareholder

Quality of service—a top priority for the Post Office

The Post Office has undoubtedly turned the financial corner. The extent of the recovery-three years of profits culminating in a massive £368m in 1977-1978—is almost embarrassing for an organization which until recently was running up enormous losses.

Although he is not like his predecessor last year, having to hand out rebates to telephone subscribers, Sir William Barlow who took over as chairman last November has agreed with the Government a cost-cutting formula for telecommunications.

As a result of this, the real unit cost of telephone services will be cut by 5 per cent a year until 1983, so charges will depend on the future rate of inflation.

For a business of the size of the Post Office to turn the deficit of £30m for the year ending March 1975 into a profit of over £367m in three years is no mean feat.

Much less praiseworthy is the Post Office's recent track record of the quality of service it gives to its customers.

A prime aim of the Post Office must be the quality of its service. This was explicitly restated as a top priority by the Government in last week's White Paper on the corporation. It was the apparent decline in standards as much as the sharp increase in tarrifs which permeated the thinking of the review committee chaired by Professor (now Sir) Charles Carter, whose report, published last year, was answered by the Government in the White Paper.

Sir William Barlow gives a personal commitment to the improvement of service and relationship with customers in his first annual statement as chairman. Yet the measurement of service occupies a miniscule proportion of his report compared with statistics dealing with volume and finance.

It can be said fairly that a document containing the annual report and accounts ought properly to concentrate on financial matters. But if this is the case, some other mechanism is needed to communicate service targets against which progress can be publicly measured.



Sir William Barlow, chairman of the Post Office yesterday: a personal commitment to the improvement of service and relationship with customers.

Both government and the Post Office recognize the need to improve the information generally available to customers. Key national and regional statistics on telecommunications service performance are to be published quarterly. These are to be reviewed regularly in consultation with the Post Office Users National Council which in turn is to be given more resources to carry out its duty as a watchdog.

The measurement of telephone call successes and failures is being computerized. When this is completed in about 1982 it will improve the information available for all purposes. Meanwhile, starting this year, booklets showing national and regional results on an annual basis are to be made available to customers. Regions will also produce booklets showing local performance

A further measure to make the telecommunications side of the Post Office more readily accessible to existing customers and attract new ones is the opening of telephone showrooms. The showrooms will be located in the principal shopping areas with the first ones opening this year. Over 50 showrooms are planned to be in operation by 1980.

On posts, where it was reported a slight increase in volume of traffic against a previous declining trend, the Post Office has completed a research programme which it believes is more thorough that any similar exercise carried out by other postal administration.

Using this as a basis, it is undertaking more detailed research into each market sector with particular emphasis on the needs of small traders. (One of the review committee's criticisms was what seemed to be a tendency to concentrate on the big customers). Expenditure on research in the present financial year will, it says, be nearly double last year's and will involve extensive use of professional consultants.

To oversee the improvements, the Post Office has set up a special committee of non-executive board members which includes two representatives with experience of consumer affairs.

The committee will study the quality of customer service by both the postal and telecommunications sides of the business. This will include an assessment of the validity of present statistical and sampling methods. The committee will also aim to provide a separate evaluation of performance and to identify the areas where improvements should be made.

Service indices are also being built into the monitoring and accounting procedures being applied farther down the management chain as part of the new policy of devolution alongside those dealing with operation and performance.

In particular, the Post Office is examining the question of international comparisons. One of the concerns of the review committee was that efficiency in the British telecommunications service appeared to compare unfavourably with some of the highest standards attained overseas.

These indices will be circulated regularly internally to various levels of management within the Post Office. More of them may also be included in the regular reports sent by the Post Office to the Department of Industry.

In addition the corporation states in an annex to the White Paper that some of the more important aims and indices will be featured in the annual report and accounts.

So despite the impression given by Sir William, in presenting the annual report yesterday, that measurement of quality of service was an ancillary in the main annual accounting exercise, the Post Office is apparently taking the improvements in its service yardsticks extremely seriously.

But will the service to customers get lost among the welter of organizational changes which are taking place within the Post Office?

Unlike his predecessor, Sir William Ryland, who retired after 45 years' service with the Post Office, Sir William Barlow has had a solid background in the private industrial sector. His experience, culminating in the chairmanship of Ransome Hoffmann Pollard will have left him more used to measuring performance through profits than through quality of service.

One of his first actions on taking up office last November was to initiate a policy of giving managers much greater freedom of action over a wide range of activities than they had ever enjoyed (or suffered) before. In this he answered the misgivings of the review committee about what they regarded as the markedly centralized style of management in the Post Office.

One of the results of devolution is that head postmasters and other local managers will be given new criteria, of which financial performance will undoubtedly be one.

Since financial performance is also the most easily measured and understood criterion, there is a risk that, unless there is strong emphasis on the other aspects of performance, yet more corners could be cut at local level where it hurts most solely in the interests of profitability.

Patricia Tisdall

The Post Office

A further cash surplus

The Post Office has been making a supplementary depreciation charge in its accounts —without a parallel gearing adjustment— since 1946, and has only now found itself in the middle of the Price Commission-inspired debate about whether nationalized industries, like any other companies, should make a claw-back to profit to account for the decline in the real cost of repaying loans.

In the Post Office's case there is only £13m of public dividend capital (all in Giro), and while reserves have been growing debt still accounts for 58 per cent of £6,881m of capital employed. But the Post Office believes the Price Commission's argument is fundamentally wrong, on the ground that the point of a gearing adjustment is the distinction it draws between the owners and the external creditors of a business, and that for a nationalized industry these are one and the same—the Government.

The fact is, however, that on a pure historic cost basis the Post Office's profits would have come out at £718m rather than £368m, disregarding the supplementary depreciation charge of £350m, and the effect has been sufficient to leave the Post Office again in cash surplus. Thus internally generated funds of £1,108m were more than enough to fund investment of £870m and an increase in working capital of £56m, and the Post Office was able both to repay loans of £50m and to build up its cash resources by £120m.

Vauxhall: a return to hard times?

On the face of it the strike which began at the Vauxhall Motors Ellesmere Port plant on July 10 is just another in the seemingly endless round of stoppages which bedevil the British motor industry. In fact its consequences are so serious that they are threatening the company's recovery from the disastrous losses it has suffered over the past seven years.

Bob Price, Vauxhall's American chairman and managing director, has refused to comment on the seriousness of the present situation because he is well aware that motor industry chiefs crying "wolf" no longer have the slightest effect on hard line shop stewards.

But the facts speak for themselves. When Mr Price arrived four years ago Vauxhall was in a hopeless situation. With the exception of a nominal £1.8m profit in 1971 it had lost money in each of the previous five years and was heading for its biggest ever loss of £17.7m in 1974.

Its share of the British car market was down to only 6 per cent and there were quality probelms in a far from acceptable range of aging cars. Morale throughout the company and its dealer network was at rock bottom.

These problems were known to Mr Price when he asked the parent General Motors for the Vauxhall job. In doing so he knew that he was following in the footsteps of a number of Detroit executives who had all tried and failed at Luton. But he was also astute enough to realize that the sky was the limit for the man who put an end to Vauxhall's reputation as "the graveyard of GM executives".

Drastic surgery was necessary for the patient's ultimate hopes of recovery. In the next 20 months he cut the payroll by 6,800 jobs to 27,400—the lowest for 12 years.

No less than 17 major problems were identified and joint management - shopfloor task forces appointed to tackle each of them. The "grass parade" was introduced with cars being snatched from the assembly line and stationed in front of his office for detailed inspection by every department.

At that time Vauxhall had two basic car lines, the Viva-Magnum and the Victor-Ventora series. They were long in the tooth and together only covered 50 per cent of the available British market. While the stronger Bedford side was holding some 18 to 20 per cent of the commercial vehicle market, cars had fallen from 12 per cent to 6 per cent and all the indications pointed to a further drop.



Mr Bob Price, chairman of Vauxhall: astute enough to realize that the sky was the limit for the man who could end Vauxhall's troubles

Facelifts were rushed through as a temporary measure but it was not until mid-1975 that the new light car, the Chevette, went into production. It was an immediate success and three further versions followed during the next eight months.

The larger Cavalier, again based on an existing Opel design, followed soon afterwards giving Vauxhall a contender in the sector dominated by Ford's Cortina. By 1976 this sector was accounting for some 30 per cent of the total United Kingdom market. Unfortunately, from a British point of view, the new arrival was imported from GM's Antwerp plant.

Mr Price says the need for a contender in this very important sector—the heart of the profitable fleet sales business —was so pressing that he had no alternative.

In August, 1977—under pressure from the British Government—he introduced a Cavalier assembly line at Luton and today 80 per cent of Cavaliers sold in Britain are domestic products.

It is not overstating the case to say that the Chevette and Cavalier transformed Vauxhall's image and at the same time enabled it to cover 80 per cent of the market.

More new models, again Opel based, will extend Vauxhall's coverage still further when they are launched later this year. To cope with returning confidence among buyers Mr Price increased production by introducing second shifts at Ellesmere Port last winter and at Luton in April. Another 3,800 workers were recruited for these extra shifts.

In the first six months of this year car sales improved by 26 per cent and trucks by 20 per cent enabling Mr Price to announce last week a net profit of £4.3m for the first half—the best achieved even in a full year since 1968.

But behind this encouraging picture there is growing concern, a concern which was making itself felt before Ellesmere Port ran into trouble. The introduction of second shift working in the motor industry is traditionally fraught with danger. Overheads which have been pared to the bone through lean times shoot up when additional labour is recruited. It can take up to six months before a green labour force is capable of meeting production targets.

This is exactly what has happened at Vauxhall. Before the extra shifts were introduced it was producing 40 cars an hour at Luton. This immediately fell to 23 and three months later is still climbing back towards 40 much too slowly for comfort.

The result is that with overheads climbing on the one hand and production lagging behind targets on the other Vauxhall is again in a vulnerable position. These risks were known and accepted by Mr Price but with the British car market heading for a year-end total approaching the record 1.7 million units of five years ago it was a gamble he had to take.

But the one danger he could not cater for, but nevertheless feared, has now reared its ugly head—a serious strike.

Like all the worst confrontations in the motor industry it began with a walkout by a small number of employees, in this case 100 drivers who ferry components from one Vauxhall plant to another. As soon as these members of the Transport and General Workers' Union mounted pickets the remaining 3,000 T & G members in the plant refused to cross their picket lines. As these are the men who man the assembly tracks, production of the Chevette was immediately halted.

Attempts to settle the men's claim for a shorter working week have all failed despite top-level talks between management and T & G leaders. On Friday the strikers voted not to meet again until after the plant's annual three weeks holiday ends on August 14. Management replied by laying off 4,000 members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

And that is where the Ellesmere stoppage becomes so serious. These are the men who normally produce engines and transmissions for cars and light commercial vehicles assembled at Luton and Dunstable.

The effects of the resulting component shortage were already being felt at both plants before they shut for holidays last Friday. Although the AUEW men remained at work when the T & G walked out a fortnight ago, the transport pickets had effectively sealed Ellesmere Port. Engines and transmissions intended for Luton and Dunstable had to go straight into storage.

And there they will remain until the dispute is settled. If Mr Price and his team were entertaining any ideas about moving them during the holiday shutdown these were soon dispelled when pickets resumed station outside the silent plant yesterday.

Every manufacturer selling on the British market has been pushing his factories for maximum output in the past three months to build stocks for an anticipated record August.

Vauxhall should have sufficient stocks already in hand. But demand of this magnitude will leave its dealers bare if Ellesmere remains shut after the holidays and that could mean cash flow problems and a return to hard times for Mr Price and his 32,000 employees.

Clifford Webb

Business Diary: Kindly leave the stage

Leigh-Pemberton, chair- of the National West- er Bank and of the Mental h Appeal, has sanctioned release of "Bankers at ", an LP by the NatWest Band. "Approximately of the retail cost of the will go to the appeal. Dankworth, the jazz band and composer, says of ecord: "The band plays a spirit and a sense of ur which many profes- groups with this style do well to emulate."

Yes, yes", Mr Bulstrode, personnel director lisped somewhere deep in the ws beyond the footlights, ll let you know."

strode shrugged, and with despairing peer into the where his agent might ingeing, he slunk towards rings. As if in sympathy, banjo he trailed along d him let out desolate plunk" as it bumped over lling cable.

knew, the personnel or knew, even the stage eeper, Bulstrode felt, knew e had failed the audition. job at head office would e his, not this year, if

nty years in the branches, of them a manager, Bul- , mused, as he shuffled, ng, into the harsh neon evening on the other side stage door. Twenty years the stations of the bank- cross . . . Fleathorpes. eden, the Gray's Inn Road nd for what?

he knew in his bones he job was less likely to him than Frisby with he'd come up in the Frisby! All vapid smile, flashy banjo technique and duff degree!

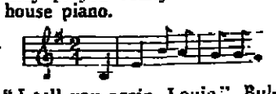
Degree, ah! However duff, there was the rub. Since he was 16 Bulstrode had stood all day —well not quite all day (and never Saturday mornings) behind counters whacking out change of a ten bob note to barmy old spinsters in twin sets and weighing out silver to market traders who smelt of garlic even though they never ate any.

Frisby, meanwhile, had loafed his way until all hours. sity, playing the banjo and ogling the birds until all hours. No early morning starts for him.

Rubbish, that's what Frisby's banjo playing was. But it was these Johnny one-chords who got the promotion nowadays— young all their own teeth. the practised bandstand leer. Ugh!

If that's what the customers want these days, so be it, Bulstrode muttered.

Glancing at his watch, he decided to take a later train. Surrendering completely to the artist within he slid promptly into the El Naughty Stripperama. There, he'd been told, they played really hot barrel-house piano.



"I tell you again, Louie", Bulstrode's agent said as the house lights went up for the lunch break, "Bulstrode's your boy."

Discs or cassettes of the NatWest Jazz Band's recording "Bankers at Play" can be obtained (at £2.99 each) from The Mental Health Appeal, 161 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU.

"I know, I know, Sam", said the bank's personnel director, fiddling impatiently with his clipboard.

"Look, I have 12 men and three women, all managers, all with their bankers' banjo diploma, and you know what? They all sound the same, Bulstrode included . . . except for young Frisby, that is.

"There may be somebody better auditioning after lunch, I don't know. But I do know there'll be plenty sounding just like Bulstrode."

Sam looked down at his scuffed suede shoes. He and Louie knew Louie was right.

"Look, Sam", said the personnel manager, an unaccustomed note of resignation tempered with sympathy in his cigar-stained voice. "We, Midlays, that is, are a multi-media bank, know what I mean?"

"Once you're one of the big four banks, you sit around and the punters, they come to you. They put money in, they take money out, it still costs them.

You lend it to people who don't need it, and the ones who do, you tell to get lost. Hey presto, you're rich."

Louie was warming to his theme but still he reflected how the sequins on his tuxedo were the same plum colour as Sam's vinous nose. I'm avuncular, he's carbuncular, he mused.

"Rich", he continued, "that is, if you're in the big four. Time was we were number five —or was it 15, might as well have been 55."

Here Louis fiddled in his pockets until, lo! a cigar and a lighted match appeared in Sam's hand as if he'd been in conjuring in his performing days—which he was.

NatWest, he explained, as if Sam didn't know it already, had begun it with their jazz record. Then Lloyds had a best seller with their disco double album. But then Cobblers, a single recorded by Midlays' own punk group, the Nerks, had raced to the top after a slow start.

There were punch-ups in the street, as distraught girls sought to open accounts in which their dole money could briefly nestle in tribute to the Nerks. The new chequebooks printed upon coloured photographs of the group were snapped up as soon as they were the Save-as-you-listen juke were the Save-as-you-listed juke boxes in every branch.

The Nerks, four pimply trainees from Barking had been hurriedly traced and reemployed once their record took off. Within days of leaving the recording studio they'd been dismissed, after an incident in which their deputy manager was razored.

". . . and so, Sam", said Louie, looking over the agent's shoulder towards where they seemed to be having a little trouble with the mikes on stage, "while we have the Nerks, the bank still needs a balanced portfolio of acts. The jazz band will never sell a million but it has a public, and we need a replacement banjo at head office—now.

"Frankly, as a banjo-player, Bulstrode makes a great banker . . ."

Sam shrugged and went in search of his client.



Bulstrode dragged himself to his feet, wherever they were. He cursed with all the sincerity and the inexactitude of the sincerely drunk.

It was near midnight and he had blundered into a deserted news-stand outside Waterloo. He didn't notice the placards proclaiming "Coutts sign Hallé" and "Elton John a director of Barclays".

It was all he could do to stagger on to the 12.03 for obscurity. But even here there was no respite, for what should he hear but that flashy plink, plonk, plunk of what could only be . . .

And so it was, as the enraged Bulstrode found as he fell into the compartment, whose drawn window blinds could not belie the merriment within.

"Hello, old boy!" trilled Frisby, a pool of champagne in hs lap, and on his knee a washed out blonde encircled by an arm that yet managed to strum a a triumphant banjo.

"Chin, chin, Bulstrode. How'd you like to be my personal assistant? Carry the arrangements, that sort of thing. Things are never as black as they seem, with you especially."

Oh my God, thought Bulstrode, his befuddled brain driven by a single sober thought.

He had forgotten to take off his end-of-the-pier minstrel make-up.

Food for thought: a lady reader informs me jubilantly that a pub on the Chichester-Guildford road is offering "Ploughperson's lunch".

Ross Davies

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PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	3,276	1,701	+ 92.6%
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE	45.52P	19.06P	+138.8%
TOTAL DIVIDEND	2.75P*	2.18462P	+25.9%

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Stock markets

Strong index rise despite slack trading

Shares may have reached their best levels fo rover two months but dealers reported little business in the equity market yesterday.

The Government's almost certain defeat on its dividend Control Bill brought some buyers into the market while a strong performance by gilts, where the long "tap" was exhausted, gave equities an added boost.

By the close of the first day of the new account the *FT* Ordinary share index, having dipped 1.4 initially, had climbed 4.7 to 483.9, its best level of the session.

Forthcoming annual figures from J. Jarvis, the builder and property company, should show profits growth of a fifth or so. The last accounts showed Imperial Group, Percy Bilton and Prudential Assurance all holding stakes of around 8 per cent apiece. Jarvis is also strong in cash. The shares are 170p.

However dealers are far from euphoric about the rise which few anticipate being maintained. Stores and breweries may have benefited from the upturn in consumer demand and hopes of dividend hikes but some market men feel that the strength of the pound, which must be giving exporters a rough ride, could turn the market back by the end of the week.

By contrast, sentiment in the gilt market is more encouraging. The better sterling dollar exchange rate helped the shorter-dated securities which were five eighths up at one stage, and close, in reasonable trading, just off the top with rises of around half a point.

At the longer-end, buying, though not so brisk, was just as encouraging.

The Government Broker was able to sell the remainder of the Exchequer 12 per cent 2013-17, issued on June 15, and dealers report genuine interest in most stocks. With the pressures easing on the economic fundamentals and the run up to an election likely to postpone labour problems, some expect stocks at this end to hold up over the summer months.

Longs ended generally some three eighths better and yields are now on offer at the 13 per cent level.

In equities leader stocks showed useful gains with **BATS** climbing 8p to 325p, **GEC** at 275p **Beecham** at 672p adding 3p and **Courtaulds** at 121p, and **Boots** at 212p firming 2p.

Unilever, with its large overseas interests not excluded from dividend controls, shed some 6p at the outset but by the close had rallied to end with a gain of 2p at 530p.

In engineering index stock **John Brown** rose 8p to 418p while **GKN** firmed a penny to 267p. Last week's trading news added a further 7p to Dowty group at 242p but the news was not so good for **Siebe Gorman** where near static profits left the shares 2p lower at 182p.

In a firm commodities sector **Gill & Duffus** went 7p higher to 146p and **Booker McConnell** spurted 12p to 247p.

Stores sparkled on thoughts that the sector has more lee way than most to improve the dividend payment and among those to go better were **Marks & Spencer** at 167p.**Mothercare** at 178p, **W H Smith** at 154p and **Freemans** at 334p. Interim figures from **Ladies Pride** left the shares unmoved at 63p.

Trading news from **Neepsend** clipped 11p from the equity at 441p while **Jameson's Chocolates** lost 3p to 71p and **Graig Shipping** eased 5p to 135p. Elsewhere in shipping takeover favourite **Furness Withy** shot up 19p to 245p.

Another bright spot yesterday was **Vinten** which rose 14p to 158p. Recent good figures have helped the shares lately but there is speculation that some potential bidder may be looking at the group.

As the pride of bullion edged nearer the magical $200 level, gold shares were wanted both in London and New York. **Randfontein** at £36, **Anglo American Gold** at £18 3-16, **Vaal Reefs** at £15¼ and **West Driefontein** at £22 19-32 all went better while the marginals also improved with **Libanon** firming 13p to 562p and **Harmony** edging up to 415p.

In breweries **Allied** at 85½p, **Bass Charrington** at 161p, **Guinness** at 165p **Whitbread** at 96p and **Scottish & Newcastle** at 65p improved by up to 3p.

Pearson Longman returned from its 195p suspension to close 51p higher at 245p following an agreed minority offer from **S Pearson**, 4p lower at 224p.

Speculation that Thomas Tilling will bid again for Fluidrive continues to underpin the shares at 81p, *slightly above the Associated Engineering agreed offer of around* 80p. *To keep its options open Tilling extended its* 72p *offer but last night group managing director Mr P. M. Meaney would say no more than that the directors were "watching the situation".*

News of takeover talks at Peerage of Birmingham added 10p to the shares at 60p while reorganization plans at Raglan pushed the equity 4p better to 61p.

In a bright papers sector **De La Rue** climbed 8p to 370p. **Daily Mail Ord** went 12p higher to 333p and **Associated News** spurted 16p to 177p.

Equity turnover on July 21 was £103.54m (17,652 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Shell, Marks & Spencer, GEC, Distillers, Assoc News, BAT Dfd, Boots, GUS A, Unilever, Burmah, Royal Insurance, Barclays, Vinten Grp, Bluebird Confectionary and English Prop.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
AAH (F)	246.0(216.7)	6.3(5.4)	14.02(13.55)	3.39(6.0)	9.10	6.14(5.5)
Graig Shipping (F)	—(—)	0.55b(0.13)	—(—)	4.0(11.4)	16.9	8.0(16.9)
Greenbank Tst (I)	—(—)	0.024a (0.021)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Greenfriar Invest (I)	—(—)	0.13a(0.10a)	0.96(0.72)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Independnt Invest (F)	—(—)	0.07(0.07)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Jamesons Choc (I)	3.1(2.9)	0.15(0.26)	2.9(4.9)	0.87(0.84)	—	—(—)
Ladies Pride (I)	3.1(2.7)	0.45(0.41)	2.8(2.5)	0.95(0.7)	2.10	—(—)
Leda Invest (I)	—(—)	0.13a(0.12a)	1.47(1.29)	1.13(0.9)	31.8	—(—)
Lornex Corp (I)	—(—)	4.4de(6.4de)	54.0(78.0)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Neepsend (F)	21.7(18.5)	1.04(1.05)	—(—)	2.3(2.0)	—	3.2(2.9)
Pentland Invest (I)	—(—)	0.45(0.46)	2.15(2.0)	1.5(0.87)	1.8	—(—)
Porvair (I)	2.9(3.2)	0.23(0.06)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Raglan Prop (F)	—(—)	1.4b(1.0b)	3.06b(1.93b)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Siebe Gorman (F)	42.5(36.3)	4.4(4.0)	28.1(25.2)	3.4(3.0)	—	5.6(5.0)
UC Invests (I)	—(—)	4.8c(3.2c)	24.7(16.7)	14.0(10.0)	14.9	—(—)
Ward & Goldstne (F)	59.9(56.9)	3.3(4.1)	—(—)	3.6(—)	—	4.5(4.0)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Gross. b Loss. c Rand and cents. d $ and cents. e Net earnings.

Neepsend slows in second half but sales reach £22m

By Peter Wainwright

The news from the Sheffield special steels and tools industry is still grim. Yesterday it was the turn of Neepsend to report that profits, in the year to March 31 last marked time at £1.05m after the interim jump from £349,000 to £655,000, and indications last February of decent profits for the full year. Sales rose from £18.5m to £22m.

At the end of June, Edgar Allen, Balfour demonstrated the hard times in the industry by turning in profits of £7.6m compared with the £8.3m plus expected by the board earlier on.

In this light Neepsend could have done worse. Indeed Mr. Stanley Speight, chairman, says that most companies in the group did well. However, the worl dsteel recession continued and so did dumping into the United Kingdom market.

It looks too as if Neepsend is on the turn. The chairman speaks of "vigorous steps" in steel. Elsewhere the group is still doing well. The group is strong in cutting tools, which are prospering.



Mr Stanley Speight, chairman of Neepsend.

The ordinary dividend rises by the usual maximum to 4.8p gross. The board intends this as a gesture of confidence, and it must be taken as such because the directors have disappointed in their hopes time round, and cover for latest payment is slim. dend absorbs £438,000 after tax profits of £520,0

The indications are Neepsend could be aiming profits of around £2m year. If this aim is fulfilled group would beat the £1.99m of profits made in 7

The group plans to do th nearly this, by pushing ahe its hand tools and cutting where it went ahead sti last year. It is quietly wi down in special steels the climate continues grim.

Shareholders are also to a new valuation of prope The resultant surplus wi taken to the balance shee

The shares rose to 48p b the figures were known slipped to 44½p, down 1½p them. The yield is now per cent which has appeal. One of the g trade investments in Ran gineering which could b sorbed one day.

Siebe Gorman keeps up its steady growth with 10 pc advance

Siebe Gorman, the fire fighting, underwater, safety and leisure group, has once more turned in a steady profits increase. In the year to April 1 profits rose from £4.05m to £4.5m, a 10 per cent increase. Turnover rose by 17 per cent from £36.3m to £42.5m.

Associated companies' contribution fell from £406,000 to £319,000 and the tax charge, with both years adjusted for ED 19, rose from £1.4m to £1.6m to leave attributable profits up from £2.6m to £2.9m.

Earnings per share were up from 25.2p to 28.1p and the final dividend is 5.118p gross making a total of 8.4p against 7.54p last time. The shares at 182p, down 2p yesterday, thus yield 4.6 per cent.

Graig Shipping in the red

Results of Graig Shipping for year to March 31 show after loan interest a trading loss of £553,861 against last year's profit before depreciation of £139,649 to which must be added a charge for ships depreciation of £936,733 (£782,308).

The group has entered into an agreement for the sale of the motor vessel Graigaur in August, 1978. The written down book value of this vessel at the date of the sale will be £3.6m. The estimated cash proceeds from the sale will amount to £4.4m and provision for the anticipated loss on the sale has been made in the accounts for March 31, giving a net charge after related tax of £630,902. This loss has been transferred to the group's capital reserve where profits on the sales of vessels in previous years have been credited.

Peerage bid discussions

Discussions have been held with Peerage of Birmingham, the company reported yesterday, which may lead to a bid being made for the group.

Peerage, which manufactures furnishing and ornamental brassware, has urged shareholders not to dispose of their holdings until the outcome is known.

In the year to the end of last December Peerage reported a strong pre-tax profits rise to £552,000 from £409,889.

Merger of Truste Savings Banks

The Trustee Savings Banks central board today announced a merger between the Trustee Savings Bank of mid-Lancashire and Merseyside and Trustee Savings Bank West central region to f new regional bank, t called the Trustee S Bank North West, with from November 21. Fu the new bank will £670m. It will also have than two million cus representing a ratio of t tion covered (almost six people) of about one in The chairman of the new will be Mr W. Appleya present chairman of the of mid-Lancashire and N side, and the general m will be Mr A. Owen, th sent general manager o North West Central Regi

Bowthorpe buying Redpoint Grp

Bowthorpe Holdings h quired the whole o Redpoint Group, the Sw based manufacturer of transfer systems and sories, for a sum believe in the region of about £5 Bowthorpe said the deal line with its policy of ma ing efofrts to expand its ties through acqu Bowthorpe sees the pros expanded export sales fr point products. Mr Jac thorpe, chairman, of Bow died yesterday.

Gerling-Konzern in Flick discussions

Representatives from Gerling-Konzern Versicherungs-Beteiligungs AG and the Friederich Flick group will meet for discussion next month on an objection to a Cologne Court about a transfer of Gerling shares.

The objection was handed to the Cologne Regional Court by Herr Hans Gerling, who holds 49 per cent of the Gerling-Konzern share capital, and relates to thetransfer of Gerling shares to the Versicherungsholding der Deutchen Industrie (VHDI) by Zuerich-Versicherung AG, the Gerling group said in Cologne.

Herr Gerling based his objection on his right according to contract to sell in advance it said.

Babcock AG sees a reasonable onturn

Deutsche Babcock AG expects "satisfactory" profits this year on higher turnover and increased total output—the board said in a shareholders letter.

It said business in the first three quarters of the year to September was comparatively satisfactory, with weak domestic demand but on the export side it registered important sales for complete plant units.

Turnover fell, for accounting reasons, to Dm1,920m from Dm20m in the nine months ended June, while order volume was Dm3,650m against Dm3,630m a year ago, it said.—Reuter.

Intl Harvester plans record capital spending

International Harvester says that it has increased its capital appropriation plan for 1978 by $82.2m to a record $306m. It expects to generate the additional capital through international sources and it will use the funds for plant modernization and manufacturing improvement covering 28 major projects in plants worldwide.

The new projects will support International Harvester's programme to increase plant utilization by brining into its own plants production of parts previously purchased outside the corporation. So far this year more than $30m in parts have meen designated for shift from outside suppliers to International Harvester production.

New-look Change Wares in £1m turnround

By Michael Clark

A strong upsurge in sales has enabled Change Wares to return to the black and the board states that the group is now well set to "comfortably exceed" its anual forecast of £450,000.

Figures of the metal, wire working, finishing and shop fitting group, for the six months to June 30, show a turnround of £1.26m into pre-tax profits of £280,000. This was achieved on turnover more than doubled at £7.73m.

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 0.29p gross compared with 0.59p last time. This is in addition to the payment of 0.89p on the participating preferred shares.

The shares moved ahead 1p to 22p yesterday.

Commenting on the figures Mr Geofrey Rose, chairman, the "company doctor" with substantial American backing, said that the improvement had been across the board.

The strongest improvement came from the domestic appliances division which made a contribution of about 25 per cent to overall group profits.

In the meantime the wire working and shop fitting divisions have benefited from the introduction of certain new products, the reduction of overheads and a general improvement in orders.

Stockwell, the group's most recent acquisition, which contributed about 50 per cent of group profits, is continuing ahead of budget.



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ANCIAL NEWS

Piran buys 22pc Orme group

r Wainwright again Mr Peter Whitd Mr Bob Tanner seem e pulled off a clever it once again they could part of a City debate. "for sale" sign has Orme Developments ey cut their total holdthe group from nearly cent to 20 per cent in 1977. These shares want utions for 31p apiece. a sale has again taken ut only of most of the n's shareholding of 4m (22 per cent of the at a good looking 55p to tin mining group ouisebuilding interests, iran.

deal leaves Messrs d and Tanner with shares in Orme, with gentlemen staying on ors. Three Saint Piran ning them. But outside lders in Orme get no

ver dealers marked up shares 4p to 47p, indihat the present state of may not endure, while iran rose 2p to 57p.

The details are that Mr Don Smith, a Saint Piran director (and chairman and managing director of Milbury, St Piran's 80 per cent owned Manchester based housebuilding group), joins Orme as chairman. Two other Saint Piran nominees, Messrs W A Longworth and chairman W J R Shaw become directors too.

The entry of the Saint Piran team is to assist Orme "achieve its programme of developing its large and valuable land bank". Messrs Whitfield and Tanner, apart from keeping 918,000 shares, stay on as directors. Saint Piran says that it does not plan a bid.

Mr Tanner says that he and his friends are staying on to "facilitate the transition". It appears that other parties did make full bid proposals, but not at 55p a share.

The duo will now spend more time on Equity Research Associates, spon to launch a tipsheet, and on Glentree Estates, an estate agency started two years ago.

It remains to be seen what happens to the duo's residual holding in Orme.

Gain of 15pc at AAH despite solid fuel setback

By Michael Clark

In spite of a setback in the fuel distribution division of AAH, the group has still managed to push up pre-tax profits for the year to March 31, by 15.4 per cent to £6.3m.

Commenting on the result Mr William Pybus, chairman, stated that while it was too early to forecast the overall outcome for the current year, it had started satisfactorily with management accounts showing profits ahead of those for the corresponding period.

However, he warned that opportunities for expansion by acquisition are becoming increasingly hard to obtain. But the group's policy remained one of expansion by internal growth and, when suitable opportunities occurred, by acquisition.

A final dividend of 5.05p has been proposed making a total of 9.15p gross against 8.2p last time.

News of the improved figures sent the shares ahead 3p to 107p yesterday putting them on a p/e ratio of 7.63 and a yield of 8.5 per cent.



Mr W. M. Pybus, chairman of A. A. H.

A breakdown of the figures shows that although turnover of the solid fuel division increased from £137m to £149m profits slipped from £2.68m to £2.65m. Mild weather, followed by severe blizzards preventing deliveries, were to blame. As a result the division's overall contribution to group profits dipped from 42 per cent to 37.7 per cent and as in marked contrast to the nine month period heri trading profits shoed an increase from £1.4m to £1.6m.

Following last year's depressed performance the oil side hes more than doubled its profits contribution to £520,000 on turnover up from £22.1m to £27.3m.

Although price cutting remains fierce the pharmaceuticals division has increased its share from £1m to £1.2m on turnover up from £13.4m for 41 weeks, to £20.2m. Competition in this sector has been and continues to be strong.

Dispute hits Ward & Goldstone

A costly and protracted industrial dispute has hit hard at Ward & Goldstone, the insulated cable maker, which reports pre-tax profits for the year to March 31, down from £4.14m to 3.34m.

Looking to the future Mr Sampson Goldstone, chairman, said that sales for the first quarter of the current year were modestly in excess of those of the corresponding period last year.

The group therefore, expects to see at least a restoration of its previous earnings. A dividend of 6.76p gross compared with 6.15p has been proposed.

In spite of the poor figures the shares moved ahead 2p to 85p putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 7.2 and a yield of 7.9 per cent.

Turnover last year increased from £56.9m to £59.9m with exports accounting for £12.4m compared with £11m last time. Earnings a share dipped from 14.17p to 11.80p.

MANCHESTER AND METROPOLITAN
Acceptances of offer made on behalf of Manchester and Metropolitan Investment Trust have been received in respect of (60.4 per cent). Offer is now unconditional and will remain open until further notice.

JOHNSON MATTHEY
Banking and bullion subsidiary of Johnson Matthey Group had pretax profit for year to March 31 of £2.1m (£2.0m). Towards year-end, subscribed share capital was increased to 56m by issue to parent company of one million ordinary shares of £1 each, credited as fully paid, by the capitalization of reserves.

Briefly

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
Application lists will open and close tomorow for £10m variable rate redeemable stock 1983 and 99¾ per cent and £15m 12¼ per cent redeemable stock, 1985 at £99¼ per cent

CHRISTOPHER MORAN
Company has now disposed of its subsidiary Richardson Smith Fabrics. Total cash consideration, including repayment of intergroup indebtedness of £67,000, amounts to £317,000 of which £111,000 is payable in instalments over next three years.

TYNESIDE INV. TST
Increase in interim dividend from 1.51p gross to 2.23p is to reduce disparity between payments.

allaher boost to nerican Brands

ting income of Gallaher, ited Kingdom tobacco ry of American Brands, d from $35.67m (about to $41.9m (£22.1m) in months to June 30, st income of American dvanced by 18 per cent ord $98.3m in the first d earnings a share rose 3.09 to a peak $3.68, an double the figure for half of 1969, when the changed its name to n brands,

alf sales increased by ent to 2.48m.

butions to operating inby domestic tobacco ns went ahead from 1 to $116.70m and that domestic non-tobacco from $56.27m to —UNS.

ahead

Corp estimates that its me rose from $575m to n the second quarter. was $15,519 against . This made for a first-profit of $1,280m comch $1,220m on revenue 4m against $28,474m.

International

The return on total capital employed continued to be affected by exchange rate changes. It has not been possible to determine specifically the total effect, including the effects on operating earnings, but it has been possible to calculate the effects on foreign currency financial operations. These represented a gain of $22m in the second quarter which together with the $72m loss reported in the first quarter resulted in a net loss of $50m for the first six months of 1978.

Singer warning

Singer says that industrial sewing product losses grew in the second quarter and projected that for the full year, these losses will be greater than in 1977 due to continuing production problems at the Clydesbank, Scotland.

Profits for first half were £38.3m net from continuing operations of $36.1m.—Reuter.

Options

As traded options business gathers momentum turnover at 895 neared the 1,000 contract level again yesterday with dealers reporting a good spread of business.

The nine month April options which started last week, will be increased this morning with the introduction of a Consolidated Gold Fields 200p series and a Grand Metropolitan Hotels series at 120p.

There is also some feeling in the market that an ICI 420p ought to be introduced. Cons Gold and ICI were the most active stocks yesterday with some good two way trades.

In the conventional options marker among the stocks in which calls were taken, were Shell, Coral, Burmah and Unilever while doubles were completed in Premier Oil, British Land, Shell and Howard Machinery.

Petford gives up its fight for Henshall

Acceptances of the Petford offer of 30p a share in W. Henshall & Sons total only 24.4 per cent of the equity. Petford, which now holds about 11.32 per cent of Henshall, has reconsidered its position as a minority shareholder and has decided to accept the rival offer made by Bovbourne of 20p.

The Takeover Panel recently refused to rule that Bovbourne should raise its bid.

N.V. KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE PETROLEUM MAATSCHAPPIJ
Established at The Hague, The Netherlands
(Royal Dutch)

GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on 18th August, 1978, at 11 a.m. in the "Nederlands Congresgebouw", 10 Churchillplein, The Hague, The Netherlands.

AGENDA:

Appointment of a member of the Supervisory Board.

The nomination for the appointment will be available for inspection from today until after the meeting at the Company's office, 30, Carel van Bylandtlaan, The Hague.

A. Holders of share certificates to bearer may — either in person or by proxy — attend and address the meeting and exercise voting rights if their share certificates, or evidence that their certificates are held in open custody by De Nederlandsche Bank N.V., are deposited against receipt not later than 14th August, 1978, at one of the banks mentioned below, viz.:

In The Netherlands
Algemene Bank Nederland N.V.; Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank N.V.; Bank Mees & Hope N.V.; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas N.V.; Kas-Associatie N.V.; Pierson, Heldring & Pierson N.V.; Van der Hoop, Offers & Zoon N.V.

In Austria
Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Vienna; Österreichische Länderbank AG, Vienna; Schoeller & Co., Vienna.

In Belgium
Societé Générale de Banque S.A., Brussels; Crédit Lyonnais, Brussels; Kredietbank N.V., Brussels.

In France
Lazard Frères & Cie, Paris.

In Germany
Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf, Hamburg or Munich; Berliner Disconto Bank AG, Berlin; Bank für Handel und Industrie AG, Berlin; Dresdner Bank AG, Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Munich or Saarbrucken; Saarländische Kreditbank AG, Saarbrücken.

In Luxembourg
Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A., Luxembourg.

In Switzerland
Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Zürich; Schweizerischer Bankverein, Basle; Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft, Zürich; Bank Leu AG, Zürich; Pictet & Cie, Geneva.

In the United Kingdom
N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, London.

In the United States of America
The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., New York.

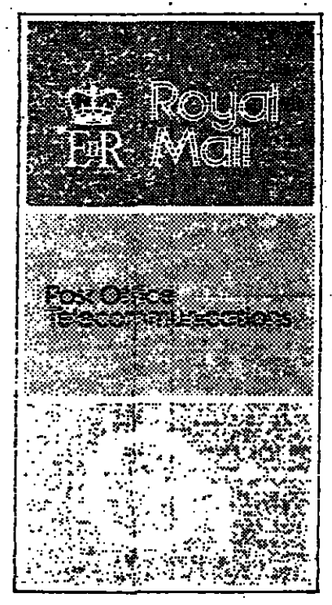
B. Holders of registered shares may — either in person or by proxy — attend the meeting and exercise the aforementioned rights if they make known to the Company in writing not later than 11th August, 1978, their desire to do so:

with respect to shares of The Hague Registry:
at the Company's office at The Hague;
with respect to shares of Amsterdam Registry:
at the office of Algemene Bank Nederland N.V., C.K.E., P.O. Box 2230, Breda;
with respect to shares of New York Registry:
at the office of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., New York.

The Hague, 25th July, 1978 — The Supervisory Board

During 1977-78 the Post Office was successful in all its businesses. These were some of the highlights:

- A pledge of no price increases until January 1979 at least.
- Telephone charges have not increased since October 1975, main postal prices last went up in June 1977, by 8 per cent, while other retail prices continued to rise sharply.
- Britain became the first country in the world to offer telephone subscribers International Direct Dialling to 50 countries, simply by lifting the receiver and dialling a dozen or so digits. There were 76 countries available to customers through direct dialling by the end of the year.
- The 850th electronic exchange came into service, and a huge exchange modernisation programme was announced.
- An advanced method of sending telephone calls, using an optical fibre link came into public service, with calls being carried on pulses of light along glass strands no thicker than a human hair.
- The Post Office announced that its public Prestel viewdata service which links the telephone and television with a computer full of facts will begin during 1979 – and £23m has been set aside for the development of this service.



- The number of telephones in service passed 23m and a record 17,450m calls were made.
- Contracts worth nearly £30m were placed for equipment to form part of the telephone system of the future, codenamed System X.
- The parcel service was restored to health and new life injected into the telegram service.
- New postal services included a supersonic transatlantic mail service to the United States by Concorde and County Parcels, a bargain price service for short-distance parcel deliveries.
- Britain's 143rd postbus began work, and the postbus service won a major tourism award.
- The country's twentieth mechanised mail sorting office was opened in Liverpool.
- Giro announced deposit accounts, budget accounts and bridging loans as part of its expansion programme.
- A two-year industrial democracy experiment started.

Post Office meets profit targets

Extracts from the Statement of Sir William Barlow, Post Office Chairman, taken from the Annual Report and Accounts 1977-78

ancial results better
The Post Office made a profit of £367·7 million, ich is £76·4 million more than in 1976–77. The ntributions to this result were Telecommunicas £325·5 million, Posts £40·4 million, Giro and mittance Services £0·7 million (Giro £2·8 llion) and Data Processing Service £1·1 million. ese profits are within the terms of the Price Code d are consistent with agreed profit targets.

We are proud to make a profit in all our siinesses and intend to go on doing so. In the st the Post Office has been criticised for being ofitable. This is unreasonable, since it is in our stomers' best interests that the Post Office ould be commercially motivated and that we ould make profits to pay for growth and imovement in our services, and repay loans.

In this second year of good financial results, the ntinuing reduction in the rate of inflation and the vernment's counter-inflation policy have both yed their part. At the same time, both Posts and lecommunications have increased business, rtly because of more vigorous marketing and a termination to sell Post Office services. The jor benefit to the customer is, in the case of ecommunications, that prices have not increased ce October 1975 (with reductions in some arges) while on the postal side there has been ly one increase—the smallest possible of ½p—in sic inland letter rates in the same period.

The Post Office aims to provide its services at nimum prices consistent with the attainment of vernment financial targets and to high standards service acceptable to the generality of its cusners. Expansion, good service and strong rketing provide a firm base for keeping prices wn and securing customer confidence. They represent the keys to commercial success for the Post Office, as in every other organisation.

Vital investment programme
The Post Office continues to have one of the largest capital investment programmes of any organisation in the UK. In 1977–78 we invested £870 million, almost all of this being spent in Britain. The 1977–78 profits of £367·7 million will go towards the capital investment programme which will be even larger in the year ahead. In this way all our profits as well as depreciation are ploughed back to the benefit of our customers in more modern postal and telecommunications services. On the telecommunications side in particular, the importance of the investment programme is vital in view of the increasing range of new services and new equipment. It is vital also for an important UK manufacturing sector and much therefore depends on a healthy, profitable telecommunications business.

Major investment continues to be made in developing the next generation electronic switching systems called System X. This programme is of major importance, not only to the future of Post Office telecommunications but also to the export prospects of the major UK telecommunications manufacturing firms.

Although much smaller in investment terms, the Post Office is to spend £23 million to develop Prestel, the world's first viewdata service, which provides a new computer-based information service linking the telephone and television. This is yet another technological first for the British Post Office and it has attracted world-wide attention. In February 1978 we announced our plans for a public service to be launched in the UK in 1979.

FINANCIAL RESULTS	£m 1977–78	£m 1976–77	Increase/ (decrease)
THE POST OFFICE—TOTAL[1]			
income	4,183·2	3,806·0	9·9
expenditure	3,815·5	3,413·7	11·8
provision for elimination of profit above the Price Code reference level	—	101·0	–
profit	367·7	291·3	26·2
TELECOMMUNICATIONS			
income	2,917·1	2,658·0	9·7
expenditure	2,591·6	2,292·6	13·0
provision for elimination of profit above the Price Code reference level	—	101·0	
profit	325·5	264·4	23·1
POSTS			
income	1,325·1	1,200·0	10·4
expenditure	1,284·7	1,175·7	9·3
profit	40·4	24·3	66·3
GIRO			
income	60·4	46·8	29·1
expenditure	57·6	44·7	28·9
profit	2·8	2·1	33·3
REMITTANCE SERVICES			
income	17·5	16·9	3·6
expenditure	19·6	17·9	9·5
loss	(2·1)	(1·0)	—
DATA PROCESSING			
income	41·0	38·9	5·4
expenditure	39·9	37·4	6·7
profit	1·1	1·5	(26·7)

[1] Income and expenditure figures for the Post Office exclude inter-business transactions.

Standards of service
I came to the Post Office with a personal conviction that much needed to be done to halt the declining standards of service that pervade so much of industry and commerce in the country as a whole. I found in the Post Office many who agreed with me and together we are increasing our efforts to improve the service to our customers and to improve the quality of our relationship with the customer.

I have been greatly impressed by the experience, professionalism and loyalty of Post Office staff. The Post Office touches nearly all aspects of social and business life and Post Office staff have an opportunity to contribute to a reversal of the downward trend in national standards of service. We will not contemplate any price increases or service reductions until all other alternatives have been pursued.

We have told the Government that we intend to continue the inland telegram service and make renewed efforts to cover its costs. Efforts over the last three years have restored the finances of the parcel service, and removed uncertainty about its future. These are first steps; they demonstrate our concern to change the restrictionist approach created by past financial problems and this approach will continue. All this demonstrates our concern to improve and, where we possibly can, increase our services rather than to cut them or to allow them to decline.

Staff—a tribute
I should like to thank all Post Office employees for the considerable contribution they make to maintaining a high level of service day by day, week in week out. Last winter we had periods of heavy snow and freak weather conditions, during which Post Office employees worked extremely long and arduous hours to restore and maintain service. That was typical of the loyalty and spirit of Post Office people. I believe that the majority of the public realise that despite the occasions when things go wrong and complaints arise, Post Office people do a very conscientious job and at times go to great lengths to make sure that they serve the community, our customers. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Northern Ireland where all our staff have made sure that Post Office services are maintained.

If you would like a booklet telling you more about what the Post Office did in 1977–78 please complete this coupon and post (no stamp required) to:—

John Hammond, Freepost 5, London W1E 4QZ.

Name

Company (if applicable)

Address

Postcode

MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	[illegible]	[illegible]
Australia 8¾ 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aust Mining 9 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco 9½ 1983	100¼	101
Avco 9¾ 1985	100½	101¼
Barclays 8¾ 1982	95	95½
Bowater 9¼ 1992	97¾	98¼
British Gas 9 1981	100¼	100¾
Citicorp 6½ 1980	96½	97
Citicorp 7 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
CECA 8¾ 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]
DSM 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	96¼
EIB 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
EIB 8¾ 1993	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eurofima 8¾ 1988	95¾	96¼
Fisons 8¾ 1992	[illegible]	93
ICI 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	97
INCO 8¾ 1984	96¼	96¾
INCO 9 1992	97	97½
ITEL 9¾ 1988	100¾	101¼
IU O/Seas 8¾ 1987	95	95½
Light Services 9 1982	98¼	98¾
Macmillan Bloedel 9 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	95¾	96¼
NCB 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat West 9 1986	100½	101¼
NZ Forest Prod 9 1986	100½	100¾
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	[illegible]	95½
Occidental 8¾ 1983	97¼	97¾
Occidental 8¾ 1987	96½	97
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rank Hovis 9 1992	95½	[illegible]
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell 8 1990	[illegible]	96½
SNCF 8¾ 1984	[illegible]	97½
Sparbankernas 8¾ 1988	96½	97¼
Sweden 7¾ 1982	[illegible]	95½
Sweden 8¾ 1987	95	95½
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	98½	98¾
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1985	95¾	96¼

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 8¾ 1984	98½	98¾
CCF 9 7-16 1983	99½	100¼
KBJ 8¾ 1982	99½	99¾
LTCB 7 15-16 1982	99¾	100¼
OKB 9¼ 1985	99¾	100¼
Williams & Glyns 8 1-16 1984	99	99½

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1982	99½	100
BM-RT 8¾ 1982	98½	99
Ford 8¾ 1984	98	98½
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	97½	97¾
Rank 9½ 1982	98½	99
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98	98½

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6½ 1984	101	101½
ICI 6½ 1987	103	103½
New Zealand 6½ 1984	102	102½
Phrsn 6½ 1989	100	100½
Quebec Hydro 6½ 1987	100	100½

US $ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4¾ 1987	81	82½
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	97	98½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	111½	113
Beecham 6¾ 1992	101	103
Borden 6¾ 1991	105½	107
Carnation 4 1988	78	79½
Chevron 5 1988	127½	129
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	83½	85
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	90	91½
Ford 5 1988	85	86½
Ford 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Electric 4¾ 1987	80	81½
Gillette 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	77½
Gould 5 1987	110½	113
Gulf & Western 5 1988	80	83
Honeywell 6 1986	80½	83
ICI 6¾ 1987	[illegible]	91½
INA 6 1997	[illegible]	97
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	111	111½
ITT 4¾ 1987	78½	80
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	134	136
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	130	132
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	103½	105
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	77½	[illegible]
Revlon 4¾ 1987	122	124½
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82	84
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	92	93½
Squibb 4¾ 1987	83½	85
Sumitomo Elec 5 1992	132	134
Texaco 4¾ 1988	78	79½
Toshiba 5 1992	77	78½
Union Bank of Switzerland 4¾ 1987	129	131
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	80½	82
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	78½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Wall Street

New York, July 24.—The New York stock market closed moderately lower after recovering part of its steep early losses.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.82 points to 831.50.

Some 820 issues declined with about 619 higher. Volume was 23,300,000 shares.

Analysts related the stock market's loss to a sharp decline in the dollar against foreign currencies.

The dollar's decline followed recommendation by a special Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) committee that oil prices be pegged to a basket of currencies rather than the dollar alone.

Dealers said the recommendation further eroded confidence in the dollar and suggested higher oil prices in the United States.

Gold mining shares were mixed, with gold bullion prices gaining strong in Europe on the dollar's decline.

Asa was active and off ¾ to 24¾. Also Homestake Mining closed at 37¾, off ¼. Dome Mines at 82¾, up ¾, and Campbell Red-lake at 37¾, unchanged.

	July 24	July 21
Allied Chem	35½	35½
Allied Stores	24¼	23¾
Allied Supermkt	2½	2¾
Allis Chalmers	34¼	34
Alcoa	41½	42½
Amax Inc	37½	37½
Amerada Hess	28½	29
Am Airlines	14¼	14½
Am Brands	49½	50
Am Broadcast	50½	50½
Am Can	41½	41½
Am Cyanamid	30¼	30
Am Elec Power	22½	23½
Am Home	29¾	30
Am Motors	5½	5¾
Am Nat Res	41¾	41½
Am Standard	45	45¼
Am Telephone	60¼	60¾
AMF Inc	18½	18½
Armco Steel	29½	29¾
Asarco	14½	15¼
Ashland Oil	39½	39½
Atlantic Richfield	48½	48½
Avco	27¾	27¾
Avon Products	55¾	56
Babcock & Wcox	59¾	59¾
Bankers Tst NY	35½	36
Bank of America	24¼	24
Bank of NY	34	34½
Beatrice Foods	25	24¾
Bell & Howell	19¾	19¾
Bendix	37¾	38
Bethlehem Steel	23½	23¾
Boeing	59½	59¾
Boise Cascade	28¾	28½
Borden	28½	28½
Borg Warner	30½	30¾
Bristol Myers	35½	36¼
BP	16½	16½
Burlington Ind	18½	17¾
Burlington Nthn	40	40½
Burroughs	72½	72¾
Campbell Soup	35	34¾
Canadian Pacific	18	18
Caterpillar	57¼	57½
Celanese	41	41
Central Soya	15	15
Charter NY	30½	30½
Chase Manhat	32½	32¾
Chem Bank NY	38¾	39½
Chesapeake Ohio	30¼	30½
Chrysler	11	11
Citicorp	24½	24¼
Cities Service	47½	47½
Clark Equip	34¼	34½
Coca Cola	41½	41
Colgate	20¾	20¾
CBS	54¼	54¼
Columbia Gas	27	26¾
Combustion Eng	40¼	40½
Comwlth Edison	27¼	27¼
Cons Edison	23½	23½
Cons Foods	25	25¼
Cons Power	23½	23½
Continental Grp	29¾	29¾
Continental Oil	28½	28
Control Data	36½	36¾
Corning Glass	59½	58
CPC Intnl	49	49
Crane	28	27¾
Crocker Int	26¾	26¾
Crown Zeller	32¼	32¾
Dart Ind	45	45
Deere	32¼	31¾
Del Monte	28	28
Delta Air	50½	49½
Detroit Edison	16	15¾
Disney	40½	40
Dow Chemical	23¾	23¾
Dresser Ind	42½	42¾
Duke Power	20¼	20¼
Du Pont	112½	112½
Eastern Air	14	13¾
Eastman Kodak	58¾	58
Eaton Corp	38½	39¼
El Paso Nat Gas	16½	16¾
Equitable Life	19½	19¾
Esmark	29	29
Evans P. D.	17½	16¾
Exxon Corp	44¾	45
Fed Dept Stores	36¾	36¾
Firestone	13½	13¾
Fst Chicago	21¾	21½
Fst Nat Boston	28½	28¾
Fst Penn Corp	15½	15¾
Ford	45½	45¾
GAF Corp	13¾	13¾
Gamble Skogmo	28	28
Gen Dynamics	75¾	74½
Gen Electric	52½	52¾
Gen Foods	32¾	32¾
Gen Mills	31½	31½
Gen Motors	60¾	60½
Gen Pub Util NY	18½	18¾
Gen Tel Elec	29	29½
Gen Tire	26¾	26¾
Genesco	5½	5½
Georgia Pacific	29½	27½
Getty Oil	37	37½
Gillette	29½	29½
Goodrich	22	22¼
Goodyear	16½	16½
Gould Inc	30¼	30¼
Grace	26¾	26¾
Gt Atltc & Pacific	7½	7½
Greyhound	12½	12½
Grumman Corp	20¾	20½
Gulf Oil	23½	23¾
Gulf & West	13½	14½
Heinz H. J.	41	40¾
Hercules	14½	15
Honeywell	62¾	61
IC Inds	26½	26½
Ingersoll	58	59¾
Inland Steel	37¾	37¾
IBM	271	270¾
Int Harvester	36½	36¾
INCO	16½	16½
Int Paper	40¾	40¾
Int Tel Tel	30	30½
Jewel Co	20¾	20½
Jim Walter	28¾	28½
Johns-Manville	28½	28¾
Johnson & John	82¾	82¾
Kaiser Alumin	32½	32¾
Kennecott	22	21¾
Kerr McGee	43¾	43½
Kimberly Clark	45½	46¼
Kraftco Corp	46½	46½
K Mart	25½	25¾
Kroger	34¾	34¾
Ligget Group	33¾	33½
L.T.V. Corp	6½	6½
Litton	22½	22½
Lockheed	23½	23¾
Lucky Stores	16½	16¾
Manuf Hanover	35	34¾
Mapco	31¾	31¾
Marathon Oil	47	46½
Marine Midland	15	15¼
Martin Marietta	29	29¾
McDonnell	36	35¾
Mead	21½	21¾
Memorex	39¾	38¾
Merck	50½	50
Minnesota Mng	58	58
Mobil Oil	62¾	62¾
Monsanto	49½	50½
Morgan J. P.	46½	46¾
Motorola	47½	47½
NCR Corp	56	55¾
NL Industries	19	19
Nabisco	25½	24¾
Nat Distillers	21½	21¾
Nat Steel	32½	32
Norfolk West	24¾	24½
NW Bancorp	24¾	24¾
Norton Simon	19¾	19
Occidental Pet	22	21
Ogden	27	27
Olin Corp	14½	15
Owens-Illinois	20½	20¾
Pacific Gas Elec	24¾	23¾
Pan Am	7½	7½
Penney J. C.	37½	37½
Pennzoil	26¾	26½
Pepsico	30	30
Pet Inc	54½	54½
Pfizer	33½	33¾
Phelps Dodge	22	22¾
Philip Morris	70½	69¾
Phillips Petrol	32½	32¾
Polaroid	44¾	41¾
PPG Ind	27½	27½
Proctor Gamble	89¾	89¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	22½	22¾
Pullman	39½	38¾
Rapid American	11¾	11½
Raytheon	50½	50½
RCA Corp	27½	27¾
Republic Steel	24¾	24½
Reynolds Ind	55	55½
Reynolds Metal	29½	30
Rockwell Int	35½	35¾
Royal Dutch	60¾	60¾
Safeways	41½	41¾
St Regis Paper	28¼	28½
Santa Fe Ind	33	32¾
SCM	20¾	20½
Schlumberger	85¾	87
Scott Paper	15½	16
Seaboard Coast	32	32
Seagram	24	23½
Sears Roebuck	23	23
Shell Oil	35½	35¾
Shell Trans	42¾	42¼
Signal Co	47½	47½
Singer	19¾	19½
Sony	8¾	8
Sth Cal Edison	25½	26½
Southern Pacific	30¾	30¾
Southern Rly	51½	52
Sperry Rand	42½	42½
Std Brands	27¾	27
Std Oil Califnia	41¾	41
Std Oil Indiana	49½	50½
Std Oil Ohio	32	32¾
Sterling Drug	18	18
Stevens J. P.	14½	14½
Stude Worth	64¾	64¾
Sunbeam Corp	20¼	20¼
Sun Comp	43¾	43¾
Teledyne	102	102
Tenneco	31½	30½
Texaco	25½	25½
Texas East Corp	35½	36
Texas Inst	82½	82½
Texas Utilities	20½	20½
Textron	31¾	31¼
TWA	23¾	22½
Travelers Corp	34¾	35¼
TRW Inc	39¾	38½
UAL Inc	35	34½
Unilever Ltd	40½	40½
Unilever NV	55	55
Union Bancorp	25¾	24½
Union Carbide	38¾	38½
Union Oil Calif	47	46¾
Un Pacific Corp	44½	44¼
Uniroyal	7	7½
United Brands	9½	10½
US Industries	9¾	9½
US Steel	26¾	26½
Utd Technol	44¾	44½
Wachovia	19	19
Warner Comm	47¾	48½
Warner Lambert	29½	29¾
Wells Fargo	27½	27¾
West'n Bancorp	29¾	30½
Westinghse Elec	21½	21½
Weyerhaeuser	26¾	26¾
Whirlpool	21½	21½
White Motor	8½	8½
Woolworth	18	18½
Xerox Corp	55¾	54¾
Zenith	14½	14½

Canadian Prices

	July 24	July 21
Abitibi	14½	14½
Alcan Alumin	33	32¾
Algoma Steel	23½	23½
Bell Telephone	58	58
Cominco	27½	27½
Cons Bathurst	29	29
Falconbridge	22	22
Gulf Oil	28½	28½
Hawker/Sid Can	7.25	7.25
Hudson Bay Mln	17½	18
Hudson Bay Oil	46½	46½
Imasco	33¾	33¾
Imperial Oil	13½	12
Int Pipe	15¾	15¾
Mass-Fergsn	9¾	9½
Royal Trust	18½	18½
Seagram	25½	25½
Steel Co	27½	27½
Talcorp	9½	9¾
Thomson N 'A'	24½	24½
Walker Hiram	31	34½
WCT	11¾	11½

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New Issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9289 (1.9145); three months, 1.9177 (1.9012); Canadian dollar, 88.97 (88.93).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 349.07. The futures index was 33.87.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 831.60 (833.42); transportation, 225.99 (226.96); utilities, 105.38 (105.07); 65 stocks, 288.75 (288.60).

New York Stock Exchange index, 54.88 (54.91); industrials, 59.67 (59.71); transportation, 45.36 (45.16); utilities, 39.35 (39.32); financial, 58.23 (58.45).

Silver gains one cent

New York, July 24.—COMEX SILVER futures closed 5.00 cents below the highs on scattered selling prompted by the failure of gold futures here to pick up on the firmness in foreign markets. Final prices were 1.00 cent net higher July, 548.48c; Aug, 549.19c; Sept, 553.20c; Dec, 565.30c; Jan, 569.50c; March, 577.80c; May, 586.60c; July, 595.50c; Sept, 604.50c; Dec, 618.20c; Jan, 622.80c; March, 632.50c; May, 641.40c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $6.136 (previous Can $6.050).

GOLD prices drifted lower in quiet trading on profit taking following bullion's sharp rise late last week. The spot price fell to $195.40-195.80 from Friday's close of $193.50. CHICAGO IMM. Sept, $195.70-30; Dec, $199.80-200.20; March, 204.80-204.60; June, $209.70; Sept, $215.00; Dec, $220.60 asked; March, $225.20. NY COMEX.—July, $195.30; Aug, $195.80; Sept, $195.40; Oct, $198.00; Dec, $200.00; Feb, $203.10; April, $206.40; June, $209.70; Aug, $213.00; Oct, $216.40; Dec, $219.80; Feb, $223.20; April, $226.60.

COPPER futures closed steady between 135 and 140 points down. July, 61.55c; Aug, 61.70c; Sept, 62.35c; Dec, 64.15c; Jan, 64.75c; March, 65.85c; May, 66.90c; July, 67.95c; Sept, 68.95c; Dec, 70.45c; Jan, 70.95c; March, 71.95c; May, 72.95c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Sept, 6.03-05c; Oct, 6.15-16c; Jan, 6.50-50c; March, 6.69c; May, 6.82c; July, 6.95-97c; Sept, 7.15-18c; Oct, 7.25-26c.

COTTON futures were: Oct, 59.26-30c; Dec, 61.25c; March, 63.00c; May, 63.80-90c; July, 64.80-90c; Oct, 64.30-80c; Dec, 64.55c.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract were: July, 128.00c asked; Sept, 115.25-4.00c; Dec, 106.00c; March, 101.75c asked; May, 99.50c asked; July, 101.50c asked; Sept, 101.00c asked; Dec, 101.00c asked.

COCOA futures closed 0.90c to 0.60c higher. Sept, 148.85c; Dec, 143.60c; March, 140.00c; May, 137.70c; July, 135.45c; Sept, 133.65c; Dec, 131.75c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil futures ranged from 0.78 to 0.28 cent a lb while Meal futures declined $3.70 to $5.50 a ton. SOYABEANS.—Aug, 628-29c; Sept, 607-08½c; Nov, 595½-94½c; Jan, 601½-01c; March, 611-10c; May, 614c; July, 617c; Aug, 617c.

SOYABEAN OIL.—Aug, 23.66-75c; Sept, 23.00-05c; Oct, 22.30c; Dec, 21.50-60c; Jan, 21.55-60c; March, 21.50c; May, 21.45c; July, 21.40c; Aug, 21.40-45c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Aug, $165.60-4.00; Sept, $165.00; Oct, $161.80-2.00; Dec, $161.20-1.00; Jan, $161.70-1.60; March, $165.00-4.50; May, $166.00-5.50; July, $167.00-6.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—Sept, 309c; Dec, 313-13½c; March, 316-15½c; May, 314c; July, 315c. CORN.—Sept, 229-29½c; Dec, 228-32½c; March, 243½-½c; May, 248c; July, 250½c. OATS.—Sept, 121½c; Dec, 131c; March, 138½c; May, 141½c; July, 144c asked.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Barnet 12¼% 1987 (£98d)	£31¾-¾
Bramall C D 25p Ord (75)	93+2
Carliers Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	73+1
E Anglia Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (£97½a)	£11
Edinburgh Var 1983 (£100)	£99¾
Eurotherm Int 10p Ord (100)	162
Exchequer 10% 1983 (£95½)	£45¼-¼
Exchequer 12% 2013-17 (£96)	£96¾-¼
Fairview 13 95 Deb (£100e)	£23¾
Greenwich 11¾% 1986 (£99d)	£48¼-¾
Hunting Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	87
Robinson Bros 11% Pf (103)	109
Sth Tyneside 12¾% 1986 (£99¾)	£49¾
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	36
Tyne and Wear 12% Rd Db 1986 (£98¾d)	£49¼-¼
W Kent Wtr 12% Db 1986 (£98¾a)	£24¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
ANZ Grp (302 75)	Aug 30	28 prem-2
Dartmouth Inv (25)	Aug 18	4 prem
Fleetwk Hopper (14)	Aug 16	7½ prem
Headlam Sims (36)	Sep 1	16 prem+1
L C P Hldgs (22)	Sep 1	17 prem-1
Norton W E (38)	Sep 1	13½ prem
Sutcliffe Speak (30)	Sep 8	30 prem-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £10 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g $41 paid. h £35 paid. i £45 paid. j £65 paid.

Commodities

COPPER was firm.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £708-709 a metric ton; three months, £729.50-30.00. Sales, 1,600. Cash cathodes, £704.50-0.50; three months, £726-26.50. Sales, 5,175 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £711-11.50; three months, £733-33.50. Settlement, £711.50. Sales, 10,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £707.708; three months, £728-28.50. Settlement, £708. Sales, 730 tons.

SILVER gained about 2p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 286.0p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 555.6); three months, 293.45 (564.7c); six months, 301.20p (576.5c); one year, 317.9 (601.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 285-85.2; three months, 292.6-92.7p. Sales, 49 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 285.7-86p; three months, 293.3-93.5. Settlement, 286p. Sales, 50 lots.

TIN was easier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,585-90 a metric ton; three months £6,540-45. Sales, 350 tons. High grade, cash, £6,585-90; three months, £6,555-70. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,370-75; three months, £6,320-30. Settlement, £6,375. Sales, 715 tons. High grade, cash, £6,370-75; three months, £6,355-50. Settlement, £6,375. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,700 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £302-303 per metric ton; three months, £313-12.50. Sales, 1,125 tons. Morning.—Cash, £302-02.50; three months, £312-12.50. Settlement, £302.50. Sales, 1,775 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £305-306 a metric ton; three months £316-16.50. Sales: 625 tons. Morning.—Cash £306-06.50; three months £316.50-17.00. Settlement: £306.50. Sales: 1,825 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £132.40 ($255.75) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was steadier (pence per kilo).—Aug, 52.15-52.60; Sept, 53.45-53.55; Oct-Dec, 54.80-54.90; Jan-March, 56.70-56.80; April-June, 58.70-58.80; July-Sept, 60.60-60.70; Oct-Dec, 62.60-62.70; Jan-March, 64.50-64.60; April-June, 66.50-66.55. Sales: 49 lots at 5 tonnes; 427 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady.—Spot 52-53.25. Cifs, Aug, 54.60-54.75; Sept, 54.75-55.00.

COFFEE: Robustas continued to fall; arabicas were dull.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): July, 1,145-50; Sept, 1,092-95; Nov, 1,038-40; Jan, 1,003-05; March, 982-70; May, 950-55; July, 935-40. Sales: 5,666 lots including 86 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): Aug, 135-44; Oct, 125-31; Dec, 118-23; Feb, 113-18; April, June and Aug unquoted. Sales: nil.

COCOA was fairly steady (£ per metric ton).—July, 1,736-39; Sept, 1,750-51; Dec, 1,759-40; March, 1,718-19; May, 1,698-1,702; July, 1,678-90; Sept, 1,658-80. Sales: 970 lots including one option. ICCO prices: daily, 146.47c; 15-day average, 141.83c; 22-day average, 141.89 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £2 lower at £82; the "whites" price was £1 lower at £95. Futures were easier (£ per metric ton).— Aug, 81.60-81.75; Oct, 83.05-83.10; Dec, 83.70-84.00; March, 89.50-89.80; May, 91.60-91.75; Aug, 95-95.75; Oct, 98-98.50. Sales: 5,766 lots. ISA prices: 6.35c; 15-day average 6.30.

SOYABEAN MEAL was about steady (£ per metric ton).—Aug, 107.70-07.00; Oct, 112.00-13.00; Dec, 112.70-15.00; Feb, 113.00-14.20; April, 115-15.20; June, 116.50-17.50; Aug, 117-20. Sales: 74 lots.

WOOL greasy futures (pence per kilo).—Australian (quiet): July, 228-38; Oct, 239-42; Dec, 245-48; March, 240-48; May, 240-47; July, 245-50; Oct, 245-53; Dec, 245-50. Sales: two lots. New Zealand crossbreds (quiet): Dec, 180-82.5; March, 184-85; May, 185.5-87.0; July, 187.5-88.0; Oct, 187.5-90.0; Dec, 189.5-90.0. Sales: two lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $456 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $447. Calcutta was dull.—Indian, spot, Rs560 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs650.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: July and Aug, £93.25 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Aug, £80.25; Sept, £81; Oct, 82.75 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: July, £102; Aug, £98.50; Sept, £100 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: Aug, £69 Liverpool Glasgow. South African yellow: Aug, £69 Liverpool Glasgow.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was quiet. Sept, £79.65; Nov, £82.45; Jan, £85.35; March, £87.85; May, £90.55. Sales: 39 lots. WHEAT was quiet. Sept, £84.95; Nov, £87.50; Jan, £90.40; March, £93; May, £95.60. Sales: 106 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending July 30.—Other milling WHEAT: S East, S West, no price; Eastern, £101.90; E Midlands, £100; W Midlands, no price; N East, £101.10; N West, Scotland and N Ireland, no price; UK, £101.50. Feed WHEAT: S East, £96.80; S West, no price; Eastern, £97; E Midlands, £98.30; W Midlands, £96.60; N East, £98.90; N West, £97; Scotland and N Ireland, no price; UK, £97.60.

Prices for July 24.—Feed BARLEY: NE Scotland, £82.50.

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week ending July 22.—GB: Cattle, 71.73p per kglw (−0.52). UK: Sheep, 141.8p per kgestdcw (−1.6). GB: Pigs, 62.6p per kg LW (−0.9). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.9 per cent, average price 71.50p (−0.54). Sheep numbers up 1.0 per cent, average price 142.0p (−2.0). Pig numbers down 1.0 per cent, average price 62.6p (−1.0). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 5.2 per cent, average price 72.41p (+0.1). Sheep numbers up 9.8 per cent, average price 132.9p (−0.4). Pig numbers up 0.2 per cent, average price 63.17 (+0.1).

Prices for July 24: GB: Cattle, 71.09p per kglw (−1.05). UK: Sheep, 156.5p per kgestdcw (−6.6). GB: Pigs, 62.0p per kglw (no change). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 6.6 per cent, average price 70.90p (−1.20). Sheep numbers up 52.5 per cent, average price 156.8p (−6.5). Pig numbers up 8.5 per cent, average price 62.8p (−0.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 16.6 per cent, average price 71.27p (−0.20). Sheep numbers up 50.5 per cent, average price 151.4p (−2.8). Pig numbers up 30.7 per cent, average price 66.1p (+0.4).

Copper talks deadlock

Geneva, July 24.—Major copper mining and importing states, meeting here under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, failed to resolve major differences over the creation of an intergovernmental body at the end of their one-week meeting. The meeting adjourned without even recommending a date forthe next scheduled session.

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper down 7,175 to 483,300; tin up 280 to 2,595; lead down 1,150 to 53,525; zinc up 425 to 70,675; silver up 260,000 to 18,180,000 troy ounces.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
B.C.C.I. Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts.	10%
C. Hoare & Co.	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster Ltd	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
65	29	Airsprung Ord	65	—	5.4	8.4	8.6
203	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	201	—	18.5	9.2	—
45	25	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.3	7.8	17.9
166	105	Bardon Hill	166	—	12.0	7.2	9.0
118	51	Deborah Ord	118	+1	5.1	4.3	9.5
230	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	230	—	17.5	7.6	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	127	+1	12.4	9.8	5.0
153	135	George Blair	144	—	15.0	10.4	5.8
58	36	Jackson Group	52	—	5.0	9.6	6.1
114	55	James Burrough	107	—	6.5	6.1	10.0
340	188	Robert Jenkins	300xd	−15	29.7	9.9	5.0
24	9	Twinlock Ord	20	—	—	—	17.9
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.4	—
83	54	Unilock Holdings	78	—	7.4	9.4	8.4
105	67	Walter Alexander	105	—	6.4	6.1	7.7

Rowlinson

Mr. P. J. Rowlinson, Chairman, reports on the year ended 31st March 1978.

★ Group profit £996,835.
★ Dividend raised from 2.2055p to 2.425p per share.
★ Three-for-one bonus issue increases paid-up capital to £1,248,983.
★ Group becoming more property orientated with building of further factories and offices for investment.
★ More developments in hand than at any previous time.
★ One of the leaders in the Greater Manchester area for Industrial Development.

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Foreign Exchange

The dollar was hit hard in world currency markets yesterday, mainly reflecting renewed pressure by Opec members for oil payments against a basket of currencies instead of the ailing dollar.

The pound had a good day, reaching a "high" of $1.9390 before closing at $1.9275, more than 1.5 cents above Friday's $1.9110. The effective rate ended higher at 63.0 compared with 63.1 at noon and 62.7 before the weekend.

The yen set the early pattern, reaching a record $199.10 in Tokyo, despite Bank of Japan purchases of up to around 500m dollars, while in London the rate rose to 197.25 at one stage, and finally finished at 197.85.

Among Continentals, the DMark rose to 2.0440 (2.0536).

Gold rose $3.25 an ounce to close in London at $195.125.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) 24 July	Market rates (close) 24 July
New York	$1.9180-9390	$1.9270-9280
Montreal	$2.1570-1790	$2.1670-1680
Amsterdam	4.22½-28fl	4.23-26fl
Brussels	61.65-62.25f	61.90-62.00f
Copenhagen	10.66-75k	10.70½-71¼k
Frankfurt	3.91-95½m	3.93¾-94¼m
Lisbon	87.10-88.10e	87.25-55e
Madrid	148.40-149.65p	148.90-149.00p
Milan	1615-30lr	1623½-25½lr
Oslo	10.29-39k	10.32½-33½k
Paris	8.45½-51½f	8.47-48f
Stockholm	8.66-75k	8.70-71k
Tokyo	380-387y	381-382y
Vienna	28.25-45sch	28.29-38sch
Zurich	3.40½-43½f	3.42-43f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was up 0.3 at 63.0 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.53-.43c prem	1.18-1.08c prem
Montreal	.60-.50c prem	1.50-1.40c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	6-5c prem
Brussels	35-25c prem	90-70c prem
Copenhagen	1ore prem-1ore disc	4¼-6¾ore disc
Frankfurt	3-2pf prem	7½-6½pf prem
Lisbon	40-140c disc	105-405c disc
Madrid	par-100c disc	50-150c disc
Milan	1½-3½lr disc	7-9lr disc
Oslo	2½-1½ore prem	3½-1½ore prem
Paris	2½-1½c prem	3½-2½c prem
Stockholm	2½-1½ore prem	5-3ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	40-20gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	7½-6½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 88.89-92.

Euro-$ Deposits

calls, 7½-8; seven days, 7½-8½; one month, 8-8½; three months, 8¾-8⅞; six months, 9-9¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $195.5 (an ounce); pm, $195.5. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $201-203 (£104½-105½), resident, $204½-206½ (£106-107).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $56-58 (£29-30); resident, $58-60 (£30-31).

Discount market

Conditions were far more comfortable yesterday than of late with credit even running to slight surplus after a late Treasury swing in the market's favour. Even so, the Bank of England gave moderate assistance during the day, buying a moderate quantity of Treasury bills and a small amount of both local authority and "eligible" bank bills directly from the houses, some of which were for resale to the market as a future fixed date.

In fairly tight early conditions, some money was appearing at 9½ or 10 per cent. and rates gradually eased so that final balances were taken somewhere between 8 and 9 per cent. Draining liquidity from the market were settlement for gilts sold by the Government Broker on Friday, the first of three moderate-sized repayments in respect of the exceptionally large sum lent by the authorities on Friday, a small rise in the note circulation, and a very small net take-up Treasury bills.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 8/6/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 10, Low 8½
Week Fixed: 9½-10

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9½	2 months	9½
3 months	9½	3 months	9½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10-9⅞	3 months	10½
3 months	9⅞-9¾	4 months	10½
4 months	9⅞-9¾	6 months	10½
6 months	9⅞-9⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10	7 months	9⅞-9¾
2 months	9⅞-9¾	8 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅞-9¾	9 months	10¼-10
4 months	9¾-9⅝	10 months	10¼-10
5 months	9¾-9⅝	11 months	10¼-10
6 months	9¾-9⅝	12 months	10¼-10

Secondary Mkt £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅛-10	6 months	10¼-10⅛
3 months	10¼-10⅛	12 months	10¼-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11¼	3 months	10¼
7 days	11¼	6 months	10½
1 month	11	1 year	10½

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 12, Close 8

1 week	11-11⅛	6 months	10⅛-10⅜
1 month	11-10⅞	9 months	10⅜-10⅛
3 months	10⅞-10¾	12 months	10⅜-10⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt Rate %)
3 months 10¼ — 6 months 10¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Cuban sugar harvest

Havana, July 24.—Cuba has ended its sugar harvest this year with the second highest production ever at 7,350,000 tonnes, officials said. The last mill finished grinding on Thursday.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Abbey Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Abbey Genera.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Invest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse			
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Capital; Brit Inds; Growth & Inc; Elec & Ind Dev; Met Min & Cmdty; High Income; Equity Income; International; High Yield Fnd; Hambro Fnd; Do Recovery; Do Smaller; Do Accum; 2nd Smaller; Secs of America; Pacific Fnd; Overseas Fnd; Exempt Smaller	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281			
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
		Bridge Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Britannia Trust Management Ltd. 3 London Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL			
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells			
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2			
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts			
		Capel (James) Management Ltd. 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle upon Tyne			
		Charities Official Investment Fund.			
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4			
		Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh			
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, High Wycombe			
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Friends Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey			
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
100.6	76.9	Capital*	100.6		
60.6	56.0	Gross Income*	60.6		
90.3	66.0	High Yield*	90.3		
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex			
		G. T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 Finsbury Circus, EC2M 7DD. 01-628 8131			
		Gartmore Fund Managers. 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
30.9	23.0	American Tst	29.5	31.7	0.02
56.1	35.0	British Tst	54.1	58.2	3.21
186.0	115.0	Commodity	164.0	176.5	3.04
37.7	24.0	Far Eastern	37.7	40.5	0.69
59.1	39.0	High Income	59.1	63.5	8.25
75.0	48.0	Income	75.0	80.6	8.19
14.88	12.11	Ins Agencies	13.99	15.05	3.05
35.0	26.1	International	34.7	37.2	1.03
89.4	78.0	Int Exempt	85.9	93.6	5.59
		Grieveson Management Co Ltd. 59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433			
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
		Henderson Administration. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
		Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers. 20 Fenchurch Street, EC3. 01-623 8000			
87.2	58.8	KB Unit Fd Inc	83.0	90.3	5.80
108.7	69.4	KB Unit Fd Acc	103.6	112.5	5.80
		Lawson Securities. 37 Queen's St, London EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281			
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
		Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust. 77 London Wall, EC2N 1DB. 01-588 1815			
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
		Japan & Gen Inc; Magnum Fnd; Mid & Gen; NAACIF; Pension; Recovery; Second Gen; Special Tst; Trustee Fnd			
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 2RD. 0742 79842			
		National & Commercial. 31 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9151			
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-606 6060			
		N.E.L. Trust Managers Ltd. Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911			
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
		Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
		Pelican Unit Administration. 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management. 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. 44 Bloomsbury Square, WC1. 01-623 8893			
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
		Rothschild Asset Management. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helens, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
		Schlesinger Trust Managers. 140 South St, Dorking			
		J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co Ltd.			
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh			
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
		Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
		TSB Unit Trusts. 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
		Transatlantic & General Securities. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
		London Wall Group.			
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-9 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
153.6	100.0	Friars Hse Fnd	152.0	161.0	4.60
18.4	14.0	Gt Winchester	17.1	18.6	5.21
20.0	17.0	Do Overseas	20.0	21.8	4.50
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd. 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd. 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd. Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
		Arrow Life Assurance. 30 Uxbridge Rd, London, W12. 01-749 9111			
99.8	62.3	Sel Market Fnd	94.5	104.4	
82.9	39.1	Do Capital	82.9	87.7	
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544			
		Beehive Life Assurance. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3.			
133.5	122.9	Black Horse Bnd	127.6		
		Canada Life Assurance. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
		Capital Life Assurance			
		Charterhouse Magna Group.			
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Commercial Union Group. St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
		Cornhill Insurance. 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Crown Life Insurance Co. Crown Life Hse, Woking, Surrey. 04862 5033			
		Crusader Insurance. Vincula House, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Drummond Assurance Society. 25 Worship St, London, EC4. 01-638 2698			
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance. 1 Threadneedle St, EC2. 01-588 1212			
55.7	39.5	Eagle Midland	53.4	55.4	6.10
		Equity & Law Life Assurance Society Ltd. Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 33377			
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. Surrey Street, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 68324			
		Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd. 65 Grosvenor St, London W1. 01-493 1484			
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London W1. 01-499 0031			
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
38.5	34.3	Property Bond	38.5	36.4	
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff.			
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada. Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford.			
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
		Langham Life Assurance. Langham Hse, Holmbrook Dr, NW4. 01-203 5211			
		Legal & General (Unit Assurance) Ltd. Kingswood Hse, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey. Burgh Heath 53456			
		Legal and General (Unit Pensions) Ltd.			
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 20 Clifton Street, EC2. 01-247 7699			
		The London & Manchester Group. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
		N.E.L. Pensions Ltd. Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911			
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
		Property Growth Assurance. Leon Hse, Croydon, CR0 1LU. 01-680 0606			
		Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.			
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
199.9	164.0	Rel Prop Bnd	192.8		
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
		Schroder Life Group. Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance. PO Box 902, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU.			
106.5	77.3	Inv Policy			
100.6		Do Series (2)			
		Solar Life Assurance Limited. 107 Cheapside, London, EC2 8DU.			
		Standard Life Assurance Co. PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh.			
117.7	81.3	Unit Endowment			
		Sun Alliance Fund Management. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex.			
159.40	115.30	Ex Fix Int (39)	£152.90		
14.77	9.89	Int Bond	£		
		Sun Alliance Linked Life Insurance. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex.			
122.2	100.0	Equity Fund	121.2		
106.2	100.0	Fixed Int Fund	106.2		
109.1	100.0	Property Fund	109.1		
112.5	85.2	Int Fund	108.8		
97.0	100.0	Deposit Fund	97.0		
110.6	98.7	Managed Fund	110.5		
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1			
		Target Life Assurance. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks.			
		Trident Life. Renslade Hse, Gloucester.			
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.			
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA.			
		Vanbrugh Pensions Limited			
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent.			
104.3	74.6	Money Maker			
		See also "The London & Manchester Group."			
		Offshore and International Funds			
		Arbuthnot Securities (CI) Ltd. PO Box 284, St Helier, Jersey			
122.0	84.0	Capital Trust	117.0		
118.0	107.0	Eastern Int	116.0		
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey			
97.7	89.7	Europ'n Secs Tst	96.3		
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd. 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey			
		Barclays Unicorn International (IOM) Ltd. 1 Thomas St, Douglas, IOM			
		Britannia Trust Managers (CI) Ltd. 30 Bath St, St Helier, Jersey			
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2			
10.68	7.44	Bullock Fnd	£10.09		
813.0	447.0	Canadian Fnd	583.0		
356.0	245.0	Canadian Inv	324.0		
356.0	170.0	Div Shares	250.0		
11.44	7.63	N.Y. Venture	£11.04		
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4			
31.80	30.90	Adiropa	DM 31.70		
50.60	45.30	Adiverba	DM 50.00		
35.20	30.50	Fondak	DM 34.80		
23.20	20.00	Fondis	DM 22.50		
49.02	41.24	Hispano	$39.25		
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
169.0	138.8	Int Man Fnd (20)	164.0		
		van Cutsem & Associates. 42 Essex St, WC2			
71.05	63.82	Pan Am O'seas			
		First General Unit Managers. 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin			
		Gartmore Investment Management. Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IOM			
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey			
152.5	110.9	Channel Isles	147.7		
		Hill Samuel (CI) Trust Co Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey			
129.0	72.4	Channel Isle	122.5		
		Kavanday Bermuda Management Ltd. Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
2.38	1.67	Bishopsgate NA $	2.28		
		Kemp-Gee Management Jersey Ltd. 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey			
92.2	82.1	Kemp-Gee Cap	92.2		
67.5	65.6	Kemp-Gee Inc	65.5		
		Kleinwort Benson Ltd. 20 Fenchurch Street, EC3			
1,082	10.82	Eurinvest Lux F			
63.3	55.5	Guernsey Inc.	63.3		
79.2	65.9	Do Accum	76.2		
11.55	9.22	KB Far E SUS			
11.87	10.23	KB Int Fd SUS			
35.90	23.14	KB Jap Fd SUS			
11.86	9.96	KB US Gth SUS			
5.03	4.09	Signet Berm SUS			
		KB act as London Paying agents only.			
20.10	18.30	Unifonds (D.M.)	19.15		
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
129.8	80.9	Island Fnd	129.8		
183.4	109.5	Do Accum	183.4		
2.89	2.01	Atlantic Exp $	2.89		
2.36	1.44	Aust & Gen $	2.30		
		Neptune International Fund Managers. 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey			
28.1	19.7	Int Fund (34)	21.3		
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown, IOM			
121.4	94.6	Brit Conv Tst	121.2		
84.0	62.0	Cap Sec'd Res	70.0		
101.6	92.4	Manx Ex Fnd	101.6		
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar			
119.7	115.1	Gib Inv Tst	109.0		
99.0	26.0	Key Eity Inv	83.5		
52.3	43.7	Warrant Fnd	51.3		
		Rothschild Asset Management (C.I.) P.O. Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey			
136.3	121.4	Old Ct Comm	136.1		
55.2	42.5	Old Ct Eqty (34)	52.2		
110.9	101.9	Income Fund	112.6		
1.36	1.30	Do Int (35) $	1.23		
145.3	93.4	Do Small Co's	145.8		
		Save & Prosper International. Dealing to: 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey			
9.85	8.72	Dollar Fxd Int $	9.12		
7.43	6.17	Int Growth $	7.43		
46.18	33.20	Far Eastern $	45.32		
3.88	3.64	N. American $	3.79		
14.55	13.65	Sepro $	14.56		
235.4	184.7	Channel Cap	233.0		
149.6	100.7	Channel Isles	145.9		
145.0	117.9	Commodity	139.8		
126.5	111.1	St Fixed Int	121.1		
		Schroder Life Group. Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733 — International Funds			
115.5	107.9	£ Equity	115.5		
133.2	107.4	$ Equity	133.2		
146.3	122.5	£ Fixed Int	137.6		
106.3	103.8	$ Fixed Int	104.9		
130.8	121.9	£ Managed	130.5		
118.8	111.4	$ Managed	118.8		
		Surinvest (Jersey) Ltd. Queen Hse, Don Rd, St Helier			
10.33	6.36	Amer Ind Trust	8.50		
15.23	9.80	Copper Trust	11.01		
12.62	0.60	Japan Index Tst	12.27		
		Surinvest Trust Managers Ltd. 30 Athol St, Douglas, IOM			
114.1	96.8	The Silver Tst	109.3		
		Tyndall Group (Bermuda). PO Box 1256, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
		Tyndall-Guardian Group (Bermuda). PO Box 1256, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
		Tyndall Group (Isle of Man). Victory House, Douglas, IOM			
		Tyndall Group (Jersey). 2 New Street, St Helier, Jersey			

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Stock Exchange Prices

Equities hit two month peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, July 24. Dealings End, Aug 4. § Contango Day, Aug 7. Settlement Day, Aug 15

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 24.07.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 3, 1958).—

	Index No.	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No.
	Latest	%	%	Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	311.39	5.45	12.71	309.68
Largest Cos'.	318.22	6.13	12.48	314.34
Smaller Cos's.	293.82	7.49	14.17	294.97
Capital Goods	244.81	7.00	15.00	242.05
Consumer Goods	322.65	6.88	11.65	321.02
Store Shares	285.33	6.29	8.33	281.35
Largest financial shares	224.31	5.82	—	223.45
Largest financial and investment shares	247.80	6.07	—	246.07
Commodity shares	277.31	8.31	12.82	277.87
Gold Mining Shares	340.28	8.66	13.26	333.98
Industrial debenture stocks	94.69	8.35*	—	97.96
Industrial preference stocks	84.78	12.70*	—	84.72
2½% War Loan	32½	11.46*	—	32½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	322.96 (14.09.77)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1978	311.39 (24.07.78)	284.85 (02.03.78)
1977	322.95 (14.09.77)	251.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.85 (03.09.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (29.12.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1973	280.33 (12.01.73)	130.09 (04.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

a Ex dividend. b Ex all. c Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. f Interim payment passed. g Price at suspension. k Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. l Bid for company. n Reverse merger figures. o Forward earnings. p Pre-capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip issue. t Tax free. u Price adjusted for late dealings. ... No significant data.

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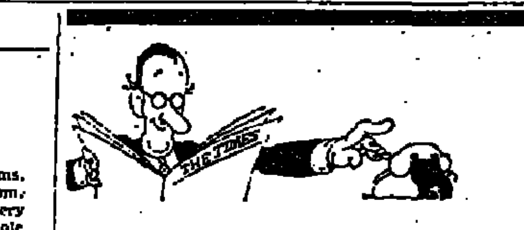
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Some research has apparently gone into the soldiering side of Spearhead, the drama series about an army unit in Northern Ireland. Too tricky a subject to be portrayed convincingly, there's just enough of a documentary element to make it worth watching.
Nelson has been chosen as the first of six Great Britons whose lives are tracked round the globe by their biographers, in this case David Howarth.
The start of a three-part series on Britain's Communist Party, a strange survival from an earlier age. Of mild academic interest.—P.V.

Open University, Ger- S, Nazi New Order; The Crab Nebula. c Roundabout. 10.00, 10.15, Pink Panther. , Belle and Sebas- 5 pm, Tybed. 1.30, he Kite. 1.45, News. ious Goodwood. 4.20, ol. 4.45, We are the 5.10, On Location national Velvet. ws. 5.55, Nationwide. bby Horse. e Rockford Files. o Pays the Ferry- n ? at Britons (1) Hora- Nelson. , The Elephants' aveyard, by Peter Dongall. y Golf. ather. d whine.

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Thames. 10.20, Child Life- ands. 10.40, Wild, Wild nimals. 11.15, The Mad 11.45, Flower Stories. ames. 1.20 pm, West 1.25, Wales Headlines. thern. 2.25, Thames. tern. 6.00, Report West. ort Wales. 6.30, Search 7.00, Challenge of the 0, Thames. 11.30-12.30 Outsiders. HTV CYMRU/ s HTV except: 1.20-1.25 ydm Newyddion y Dydd. 1, Y gath a'r Car. 4.30- en Wib. 6.00-6.15, Y 30, Royal Welsh Show. orld in Action. 11.30- a Cuckoo Waltz. HTV HTV except: 1.20-1.30 Headlines. 6.15-6.30, st.

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Thames. 10.20, Film: d Coronets, with Telly Warren Oates, Cesar 2.00, Thames. 1.20 pm. News Headlines. 1.30, 15, Those Wonderful TV 5, News. 6.00, Westward 5, Thames. 11.30, Gran- Greig. 12.25 am, Faith

Thames. 10.20, Cartoon- s Family Robinson. ara 1999 (r). 12.00, 1.25 pm, Anglia News. e Surgeon. 2.00, House- 5, Thames. 5.15, Horses lood. 5.45, News. 6.00, lia. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Camera. 12.00, Witness day. 12.30 am, Our

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Thames. 10.20, Power ory. 11.10, Star Maidens. ngland. Their England. ames. 1.20 pm, Calendar 0, Thames. 5.15, Those TV Times. 5.45, News. lendar. 6.35, Thames. 5 am. At the Embank- nad 2.

Thames. 10.20, Certain 11.10, Fairy Tales. The 11.15, Cartoon. Ivan- 0, Thames. 1.20 pm.- ews. 1.30, Southern. nes. 5.15, Those Wonder- mes. 5.45, News. 6.00, d. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Couple. 12.00, Border

BBC 2
6.40 am, Open University: Computers; 7.05, Comparative Physiology; 7.30-7.55, The Pre-amplifier. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.55 pm, Open University : The Family Doctor ; 5.20, Industrial Relations Act, 1972; 5.45, Pay for Play School; 6.10, William Blake; 6.35, The Earth.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Dilemmas (2) : How Important is Sex ?
7.30 News.
7.40 Schools Prom: Orchestras from Wells (with Yehudi Menuhin), Darlington, West Glamorgan.
8.05 Best of Brass, a preview.
8.10 Eight Pairs of Eyes, 1969: David Holden.
9.00 Sing Country with Tompall Glaser, Barbara Fairchild, Ronnie Prophet, Kenny Rogers.
9.40 Our Mutual Friend.
10.35 A Taste of Ireland: The Legacy of Want.
11.00 News.
11.10 The Show: Percy Thrower and Geoffrey Smith at last year's Manchester Show.
12.00-12.10 am Reading.

Southern
9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Film: Three Guns for Texas, with Neville Brand. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Sinbad Junior. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Father, Dear Father. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, What About the Workers ? 12:10 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada
9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery. 11.50, Cartoon. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Branded. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, What About the Workers? 12.00-12.40 am, Police Surgeon.

Grampian
9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 10.20, Cash and Company. 11.05, Diary of Civilizations. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 am, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Those Wonderful TV Times. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Electric Theatre Show. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Bonnor. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, Reflections. 11.35, Grampian Headlines.

Tyne Tees
9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Thames. 10.20, Film, The Purple Plain, with Gregory Peck. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Tell Me Why. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, The Adventurer. 12.00, Epilogue.

Channel
1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Those Wonderful TV Times. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, Thames. 11.35, What About the Workers ? 12.00, Gong. 12.25 am, Visages de France. Weather.

Thames
9.30 am, A Place in History (r). 9.55, Plain Sailing (r). 10.20, Captain Nemo. 10.25, Film: To Trap a Spy, with Robert Vaughan, David McCallum. 12.00, Issi Noho (r). 12.10 pm, Rainbow (r). 12.30, Home-Made for the Home. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help ! 1.30, Young Ramsay. 2.25, Racing from Redcar. 4.20, Breakers. 4.45, Extraordinary. 5.15, The Brady Bunch.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Survival: The Island of Salt.
7.30 Spearhead.
8.30 Life Begins at Forty.
9.00 Charlie and Julie. Play One: The Meeting.
10.00 News.
10.30 *Decisions: British Communism, Liberty.*
11.30 Lou Grant, Edward Asner, Mason Adams in Hostages.
12.25 am Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV
9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Apaches. 10.45, Film: Boys Will Be Boys, with Will Hay. 11.55, Parsley. 12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, How. 2.00, Electric Theatre Show. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.35, Police Surgeon. 12.05-12.20 am, Something Different.

Ulster
9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Film: Truck of the Cat, with Robert Mitchum, Teresa Wright, Tab Hunter, Diana Lynn. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Rolf Harris. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Friends of Man. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 6.45, Taking Shape. 7.00, Thames. 11.30-11.40, Bedtime.

Scottish
9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, McMillan and Wife (r). 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, Electric Theatre Show. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, What's Your Problem ? 7.00, Oh No It's Selwyn Froggitt. 7.30, Thames. 11.35, M'Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen. 12.35 am, Late Call.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Richard Vaughan.† 7.02, Dave Lee Travis. 9.06, Simon Bates. 11.00, Ed Stewart. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Paul Burnett. 2.00, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, Sports Desk. 7.33, On the Third Beat.† 8.02, Gilbert and Sullivan.† 9.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00, News.
† Stereo

2
5.00 am, News. 5.02, Richard Vaughan.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.50, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Folk 78.† 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Three in a Row. 10.30, The Steptoe Saga. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02 am, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Corelli, Berlioz, Gluck, Weber.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Sibelius.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Morley.† 9.35, Piano recital: Mozart and Haydn.† 10.35, In Short. 10.45, Second Broadcast: Bone, Gifford, Myhill.† 11.40, Plainsong and the Rise of European Music.† 12.20 pm, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Part 1, Wagner, Liszt.† 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.25, Concert: Part 2, Bruckner.† 2.30, World Within, by Gordon Crosse.† 3.40, Symphonies from the North: Rosenberg, Saeverud.† 4.40, Harpsichord recital: Rameau.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, School and Community; 7.00 The Prisoners. 7.30, The Art of Andre Navarra.† 8.00, Politics and the Italian Intellectual, by Franco Ferrarrotti. 8.30, Prom: Verdi's Macbeth: Acts 1 and 2.† 9.50, Watch Out for the Termites, talk by John Osman. 10.10, Macbeth: Acts 3 and 4.† 11.35-11.55, Schubert Songs.†

4
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1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.10, Questions to the Prime Minister. 3.35, A La Carte. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: The New Accelerator. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.
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BIRTHS

BEST.—On July 6th at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester to Elizabeth (nee McLean) and Jonathan—a son (Nicholas Luke), a brother for Joanna and Thomas.

BURNETT-HALL.—On 22nd July, 1978, at the maternity hospital, Fulford, to Diana (nee Ledger) and David Burnet-Hall—a daughter (Francesca Clare), sister to Tamsin Oliver and Christabel.

BUXTON.—On July 23rd at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Judy (nee Rumsey) and Robert Buxton—a son.

DAWNAY.—On July 24th at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington to Gillian and James—a son.

FOLKERTS.—On 23 July, to Cheryl (nee Kaufman) and Jerald, of Windcroft, Wickham Market, Suffolk—a daughter (Jessica Lee), a sister for Jonathan.

GEORGE.—On 22nd July to Monica (nee Delaney) and Anthony at Kings College Hospital—a daughter (Lauren Elisabeth), a sister to Abigail.

GUNN.—On 22nd July at Aberdeen Maternity Home to Sarah and Hugh—a daughter.

HICKMAN.—On 21st July, at St Theresa's Hospital, Wimbledon to Catherine and John—Julia, a sister for Alexander, Caroline and George.

BIRTHS

JANS.—To Barbara, loving wife of Bouwe—a son (Bouwe Julian).

JORY.—On July 21st, at Kingston Hospital, to Jenny (nee Woods) and Clive—a daughter (Katherine Lucy Geraldine), a sister for Samantha.

KERR.—On 24th July in Canberra to Faith and Robert—a daughter (Elizabeth Sarah), a sister for Esther, 6th grandchild of Elizabeth.

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PYBUS.—9th July: to Frances (nee Wilson) and Anthony, at High Wycombe General—a son (Oliver Anthony), a brother for Benjamin.

SCHEELE.—On July 18th, in Dearborn, Michigan, to Rosamund (nee Jacobs) and Nicholas—a son (James Thomas), brother for Paul and Hannah.

STOKES.—On July 23rd, at home, to Elizabeth (nee Evans) and David—a daughter.

WHITE.—On July 20th, to Anne (nee Ellis) and Peter—a daughter (Frances Elizabeth).

WILLOUGHBY.—On 23rd July at St. Thomas' Hospital to Joanna (nee Clayhills-Henderson) and Tony—a son (James).

MARRIAGES

BRAMLEY : WILBRAHAM.—On 22nd July at All Saints Church, North Ferriby, Humberside, Carol, eldest daughter of Mr. A. B. Wilbraham and Mrs. S. E. Wilbraham, to Philip youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bramley.

BUSBY : BARR.—On 22nd July, 1978, at Marylebone, London, Richard, only son of Ronald and Sheila Fitzherbert Busby of Bromley, Kent, to Karen, daughter of Ian and Gertrud (Trudi) Odefey Barr formerly of Edinburgh.

GORDON CLARK : THRING.—On July, 1978, at Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke, Andrew Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Gordon Clark of Barton Stacey, Hampshire, to Diana Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr J. R. Thring and of Mrs Thring of Bowerchalke, Wiltshire.

MANCEY-JONES : LAVENDER.—On July 22nd at the Chapel, Crosslands Convent, Barrow-in-Furness, Malcolm Mancey-Jones to Veronica Mary Lavender.

STEWART : DE LA CRUZ.—On July 20th, 1978, at the Brompton Oratory, London, James Burke Walcot, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Stewart, of 3, Pelham Place, London, S.W.7, to Maria Concepcion Garcia, daughter of the late Attorney José de la Cruz and Mrs de la Cruz, of 3327b Magistrado Pratilo Street, Sta Mesa, Manila, Philippines.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

GLANFIELD : GREEN.—On 25th July, 1918 Herbert Henry Glanfield to Dorothea Bruce Green; present address 5, Calverley Park, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

DEATHS

AMER.—Suddenly on July 22nd, Donald Foster, of 27 Park Drive, Melton Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Beloved husband of Mona and dear father of Shuan. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Thursday, 27th July, at 10.30 a.m. No letters or flowers, but donations to Benevolent Fund, I.E.E. would be appreciated.

BANNOCK.—On 22nd July, peacefully, at home, Bertha, aged 84 yrs., of 185 Hadlow Rd., Tonbridge, Kent. Beloved sister of Celia, Ray, and Hugh. Funeral service Hadlow parish church, Thursday, 27th July, 12 noon. Flowers to W. & F. Groombridge. Telephone Tonbridge 353964.

BROWN.—On July 22nd, aged 89, Edwin Lionel, son of Thomas and Alice Brown, of Carolina Tea Estate, Coonoor, India. Beloved father of Barbara and Joan, grandfather of Elizabeth. Family flowers; donations, if wished, to Church Missionary Society, 157 Waterloo Rd., London.

BROWNE.—On 23th July, 1978, John Campbell McClure, M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.O.G., C.B.E., beloved husband of Veronica, father of Geoffrey, Francis and Mary Alexandra. Private funeral.

CORPS.—On Friday, July 21, 1978, at Bearsted, Kent, Martin Corps, aged 70 years. Loving husband of Joan and dear father of Sarah. 1st Mayor of the new borough of Maidstone. Funeral service at The Church of the Holy Cross, Bearsted, on Wednesday, July 26, at 12.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Vinter's Park. At his request no flowers, but donations in lieu to The Save The Children's Fund, c/o Mr E. G. Keep, 47 Blythe Rd., Maidstone.

DICKENS.—On 23rd July, after a long illness, bravely borne, Molly, beloved wife of Professor A. G. Dickens, dear mother of Peter and Paul, and a loving grandmother. Funeral service St Michael's Church, Highgate, at 10.30 Wednesday, 26th July. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research.

HANCOX.—Peacefully, at dawn, on 22nd July, at home (Faircross, Abersoch), Donald Thomas Pascoe, late of Watford and Lloyds, beloved husband of Greg and father of Susan. Funeral at St. Engan's Church, Llanengan, Abersoch, at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 26th July. No flowers or letters, please, donations to RNLI will be acknowledged with gratitude.

HERMAN, WILLIAM (Will), dearly beloved husband of Edna, on July 13th, after a long illness borne with courage and great dignity. I shall cherish the memory of the very many happy years we shared together for evermore.

JAMES.—On July 13th, aged 73, Hugh James, late of Burmah Shell, son of Canon James and Mrs James, nee Garrett, of 30 Upton Rd., Watford. Now the day is over.

KNIGHT.—21st July, late of Leicester, peacefully, at his sons home in Bedford Park. Kenneth Kingsley Knight. Funeral on August 3rd at St. Johns, Notting Hill. Flowers to John Nodes and Sons, 181 Ladbroke Grove, London, W.10.

LE VAY.—On Saturday, 22nd July, peacefully, after a short illness, at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Katie Littlewood Tesedale, dearly loved mother of William and Toni. Funeral Wednesday, 26th July, 3.30 p.m., Chichester Crematorium. Flowers to Edward White & Son, South Pallant, Chichester.

LISTER, NORA K.—Suddenly and peacefully, in the British Hospital in Lisbon, on 22nd July, 1978, dear wife of David W. Lister, and sister of Marjorie Jeeves.

DEATHS

LOWRY-CORRY.—On 23rd July, peacefully, Betty Alice Adeline, widow of Sir Henry Lowry-Corry, K.B., M.C., and dearly loved mother of Elizabeth, Edith, Frederick and Armar. Funeral Thursday, 27th July, at St. Mary's Church, Edwardstone, Suffolk, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only please.

McNEELY.—On Tuesday 18th of July, Joseph Timothy McNeely. Mass will be held at The Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, St. John's Wood, at 12 noon today, followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery. Flowers to A. France and Son, 13 Watford Way, Hendon.

MACPHAIL, FRANCIS ANGUS.—Suddenly in Buenos Aires, on 19th July, beloved brother of Diana, of Tinnis House, Drumelzier, Peeblesshire.

MacRAE.—On 23rd July, 1978, peacefully, at the Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, Marjory Janet MacRae, daughter of the late Very Rev. John Eric MacRae, Dean of Brechin, and the late Mrs E. MacRae, formerly of "Carnmore", Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire.

MOORE.—On July 20th, as a result of car accident in North Wales, David Gregory, founder and director of the Patchwork Community. Funeral at St. Catherine's Church, Gwrys, on Thursday, 27th July, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Pritchard and Griffiths, Tremadoc, Porthmadog, or donations to Patchwork Special Welfare Fund, 44 Islington Park Street, London W.1.

MEADOWS.—On July 23rd 1978, peacefully, at Liverpool Royal Infirmary, after a long illness, A. Gordon Shaw Meadows, of Forest Ridge Cottage, Singer Post Lane, Norley, Cheshire, loved husband of Margot, and dear father of Janetta and Ian. Former chairman of R. S. Clare and Co. Ltd., Liverpool. Funeral service at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, July 27th at West Kirby United Reformed Church, Wirral, followed by family burial at Rake Lane Cemetery, Wallasey. Family flowers only, please, otherwise donations to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation Cancer Appeal, 199 Sloane St., London SW1X 9RF. Enquiries to Quinns Funeral Service. 051-677 2299.

NOBLE, MARGARET BOSWELL (nee Brown) on Monday, 24th July, peacefully, at Vale Court, aged 85, dearly loved wife of Arthur, dear mother and grandmother. Funeral private, no flowers, please, donations, if desired, to Age Concern.

O'CONNOR, HUGH MANSFIELD (TIM), O.B.E., T.D., Legion of Merit.—Of 4 Cavendish Crescent, Bath, on 23rd July. Dearly loved husband, father and stepfather. Funeral private. No letters please.

PALMER-SMITH.—On 22nd July, 1978, peacefully at Common Hse. Nursing Home, Lindfield, Sussex, Kathleen Palmer-Smith, C.B.E. of Tehran, Iran.

RIMBEAUD.—On July 22, peacefully at home at 57 Lambton Road, West Wimbledon, after a long illness, Marie Therese, dearly loved wife of Albert, mother of Michele and mother-in-law of John. Private cremation and family service, July 24. Donations, if wished, to cancer research.

RUSSELL.—On 21st July, peacefully, in Wolverhampton, Mary Catherine, widow of Sir John Weir Russell, of 57 Rivermead Court, London, S.W.6. Private cremation, Thursday, July 27th.

RUSSELL.—On July 21, at Guy's Hospital, John William, dearly loved husband of Sylvia, loving father of Janice, Chris, Alan, Kallo, and grandfather to Andrew. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Kenley, on Friday, July 28, at 12.15 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Croydon. Telephone 01-688 5555.

SMYTH.—On 21st July, aged 97 years, Eleanor Mary (Molly), for many years of Greenway House, Dymock, Ledbury, and latterly of "Towthorpe", Bromesberrow Heath. Funeral Donnington Church, Ledbury, midday Thursday, 27th July. Garden flowers only, or donations for Donnington Church to the Vicarage, Ledbury.

THOMAS.—On July 22nd, 1978, peacefully, in hospital in his 90th year, Terry Thomas M.A., LLB (Cantab), BSc., PhD., J.P., Hon LLD., Leeds University, dear husband of Mary, father of Jean Langham-Hobart, and Eryl Ratcliffe. Service at Leeds Grammar School Chapel, on Thursday, July 27th, at 1.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers or letters, please, donations in lieu of flowers if desired may be sent to the Friends of Leeds Grammar School, c/o the Yorkshire Bank Ltd., Infirmary St., Leeds LS1 3UL.

THOMPSON.—On July 23rd, tragically in Greece, Major Michael Francis Roger Thompson, of 9 Comeragh Mews, London, W.14, beloved elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson, of Whitestone, Exeter, Devon. Funeral private. No letters, please.

WARREN.—On 18th of July, Joseph Frederick Harry of Oatlands Park Hotel, beloved husband and father. No letters please.

WEBB.—On 22nd July, Janet (Bear), at home Weston-sub-Edge, Chipping Campden, adored Charles, Dinah, Miranda and Lydia, grandmother of Dominic, Tamson, Henrietta and Zoe. Funeral St Lawrence's Church, Weston-sub-Edge, Friday, 28th July, at 3 p.m.

WHISHAW.—On 22nd July, 1978, at home, Montague Edward Law, the dearly loved husband of Betty, beloved father of Colin, Nicholas, Vivian and Jonathan, and a loving grandfather. Funeral service at St. Michael's and All Angels, Bassett Avenue, Southampton, on Thursday, 27th July, at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

WORBOYS.—On 22nd July, 1978, peacefully, at her home, 7 The Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20, Olive Flora, devoted wife of Henry and dearly loved mother of Trisha. Funeral service at Christchurch, Copse Hill, SW20, on Thursday, 27th July, at 3.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Enquiries to Frederick W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, SW20. Phone 01-946 1974.

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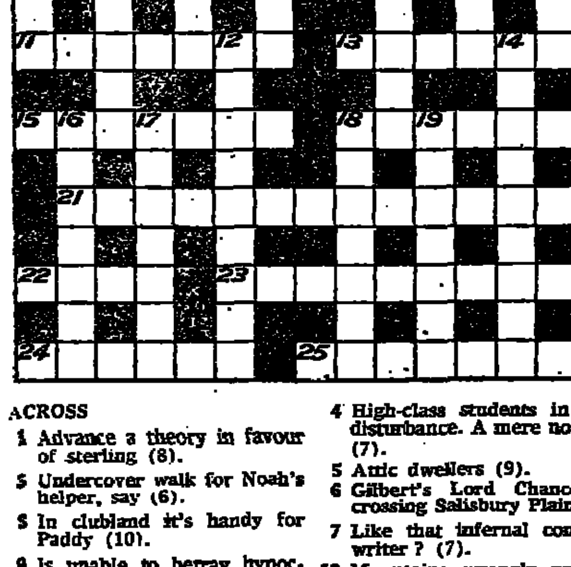
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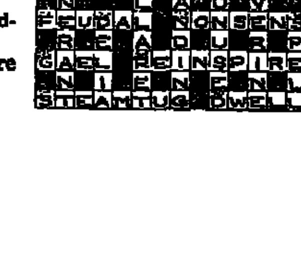
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5 Undercover walk for Noah's helper, say (6).
8 In clubland it's handy for Paddy (10).
9 Is unable to betray hypocrisy (4).
10 Whereby surveyors kept Pa from Poppins country? (5-5, 4).
11 *Alter-ego*—only a new word for it (7).
13 Sort of swallow one cocktail (7).
15 Tribesmen flog a vehicle, we hear (7).
18 Senator sees trouble about ascetic sect (7).
21 Unsatisfactory end of Orpheus's date with Eurydice? (14).
22 Confound or partially ruin (4).
23 Adds signature to car sales charts? (10).
24 A willing suitor, Peggotty found him (6).
25 Offer beginning of lyric, with affection (8).

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1 Job on island for a card-carrier? (7).
2 Following errors they're often excepted (9).
3 Arden tree-carver (7).
4 High-class students in tiny disturbance. A mere nothing (7).
5 Attic dwellers (9).
6 Gilbert's Lord Chancellor, crossing Salisbury Plain (7).
7 Like that infernal comedy-writer? (7).
12 Mountains wrongly presented in rag maps (9).
14 Sounds like a fashionable ring for Boniface (9).
16 Virgil's second thoughts? (7).
17 Barefooted supporter in church? Certainly not (7).
18 Record one volume in shortened form (7).
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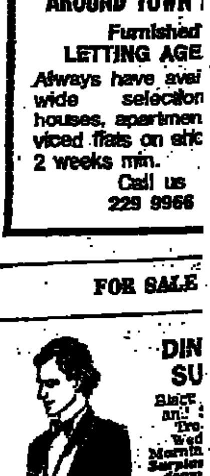
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